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Balkan Pact Signatories Confer

Bucharest, To-day.
Latest diplomatic activity in Europe is a meeting of the signatories of the Balkan Pact in Bucharest.

The countries—Greece, Turkey, Rumania and Yugo-Slavia—will be represented by their respective Foreign Ministers, who will gather for a conference in the Rumanian capital on May 10.

The meeting has been rendered essential, says a semi-official communique, by recent developments, especially the Italo-Yugo-Slav Pact and the present negotiations between Yugo-Slavia and Turkey.

A Mediterranean agreement, between Yugo-Slavia, Turkey and Greece on one hand, and Italy on the other, will be discussed, says the communique.

It is also announced that the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, will visit Bucharest on June 6.—Trans-Ocean.

CHURCH INQUIRY IN SPAIN

Studying "Religious Persecution"

Gibraltar, To-day.
The group of English Churchmen, who under the leadership of the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Johnson, have been visiting various cities in Republican Spain to investigate reports of religious persecution, left Madrid yesterday for Valencia.

While in Madrid they held long conferences with General Miaja, the Republican commander-in-chief.

They will sail from Valencia for England.—Trans-Ocean.

GRAF ZEPPELIN IN AIR AGAIN

Her First Flight This Year To S. America

Friedrichshafen, To-day.
The giant airship Graf Zeppelin took off shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday evening on the first of this year's flights to South America.

The Zeppelin carried 21 passengers and large quantities of mail.—Trans-Ocean.

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Sharp German Note To Vatican

WILL NOT PERMIT CLERGY TO ACT AS SPECIAL CASTE

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The German Government's objection to any interference in the Reich's domestic affairs is the main point made in a Note handed to the Vatican by the German Ambassador yesterday.

THE NOTE IS IN REPLY TO THE RECENT PAPAL ENCYCLICAL, WHICH CHARGED GERMANY WITH VIOLATION OF THE CONCORDAT SIGNED BETWEEN BERLIN AND VATICAN.

"THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS SURPRISED," STATES THE NOTE, "THAT THE VATICAN SHOULD NOT ONLY INTERFERE IN GERMANY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS BUT SHOULD ALSO INVOKE WORLD CONSCIENCE IN ORDER, AS IT WERE, TO CREATE A COMMON FRONT AGAINST THE REICH."

The Vatican is also applying standards applicable to democratic and parliamentary States, when it attacks the Reich, and does not seem to realise that the Reich has abandoned liberalistic conceptions.

"Only one-third of the population of Germany belongs to the Roman Catholic Church," says the Note.

Germany has no intention of abolishing Roman Catholicism but on the contrary has granted many concessions to religion.

Germany does not permit the Church to constitute a "State within a State" or that clergy should function as a "special caste outside the jurisdiction of the State."—Trans-Ocean.

FRONTIER CORPS IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Further Italian military precautions are seen in the decision arrived at by the Grand Fascist Council yesterday for formation of a special "frontier corps."

The new corps, says the "Tribuna," will function separately from the regular Army.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALY AND SUGAR CONFERENCE

No Political Motive In Non-Attendance

London, To-day.

No political motives lie behind Italy's non-attendance at the International Sugar Conference.

So declared the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, who is also Chairman of the Council, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Italy is not an exporter of sugar, he added, and so could have no possible interest in the conference.—Trans-Ocean.

Local Weather Forecast

The Royal Observatory report that the anti-cyclone remains unchanged over the Pacific to the east of Japan; a weak anti-cyclone has developed over the Yangtze Valley and a depression is moving eastward over South Manchuria. A shallow depression covers Indo-China.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy with mist, fog or light rain.

ITALY ACCEPTS CONTROL PLAN

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE NON-INTERVENTION PLAN AND INCREASE IN AIR FORCE EXPENDITURE WERE TWO OF THE ITEMS DISCUSSED BY A MEETING OF THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL YESTERDAY.

Presided over by Signor Mussolini, the Council adopted a decree accepting the provisions of the London non-intervention plan for Spain.

The decree forbids the transport of volunteers to Spain and the export of war material on Italian vessels to Spain and Spanish colonies.

The Council also appropriated the sum of 100,000,000 lire for construction of a new aerodrome at Genoa, and the sum of 40,000,000 lire for laying a direct cable between Sicily and the mainland.—Trans-Ocean.

French Statement

Paris, To-day.

An official denial of the charges that France has broken the non-intervention agreement in Spain is made in a communique issued by the Foreign Office.

A special meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-morrow to discuss the allegations, it is stated.—Trans-Ocean.

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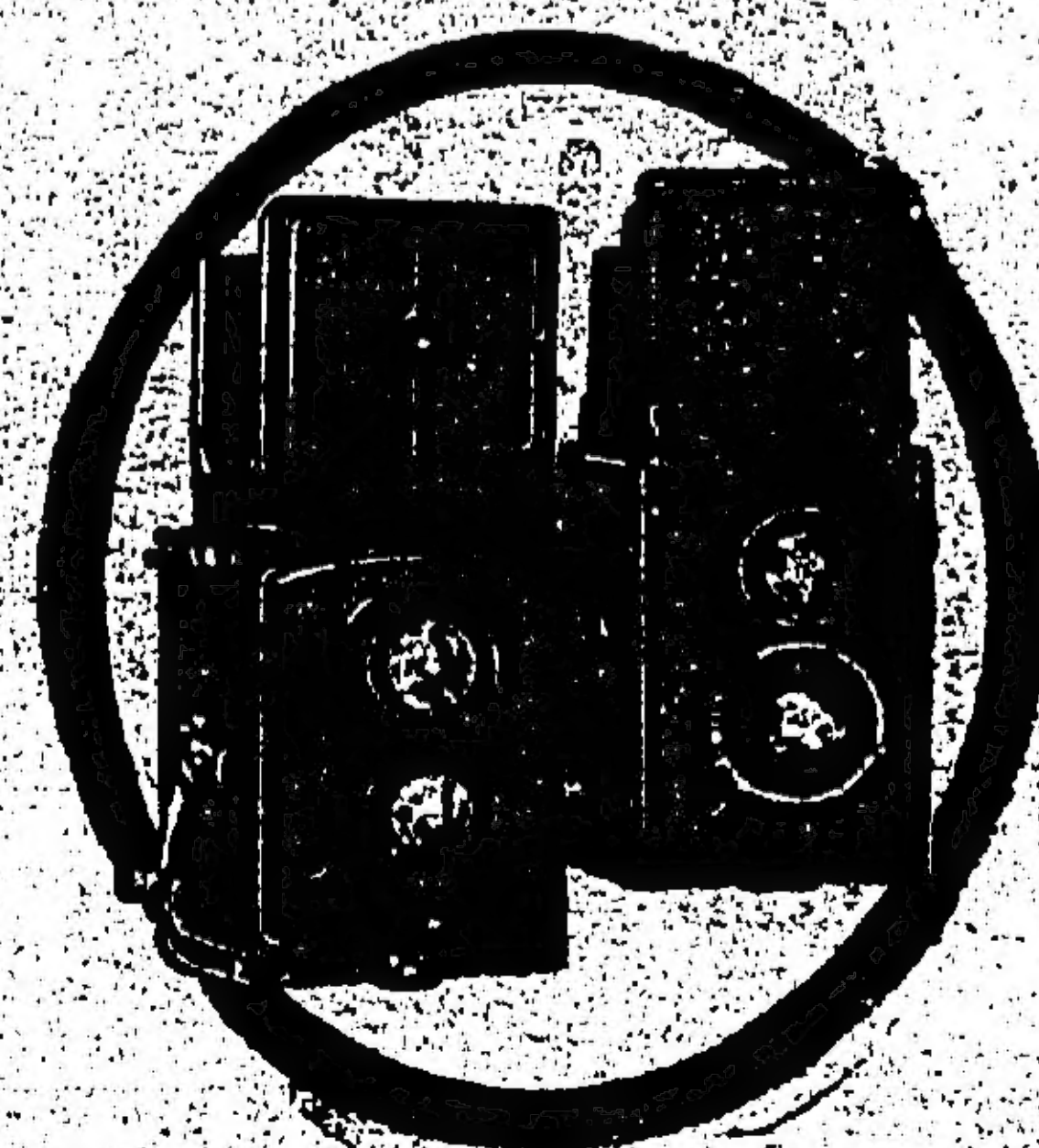
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RATINGS
"RAID"
TREASURY
MAKE PROFITS
ON CURRENCY**

Men of the Royal Navy in China, taking advantage of officially fixed exchange rates, made a profit of £20,998 at the expense of the Treasury in November, 1935. This is revealed in the Navy appropriations account just published in London.

The dealings of the Silent Service were worthy of experienced City operators. The "raid" lasted three weeks. It was characterised by the Treasury as "a flagrant misuse of facilities."

Transactions in China between Service Departments and their personnel are governed by official exchange rates, nominally fixed for each calendar month under Treasury direction.

SAFEGUARD AGAINST LOSS

A safeguard against financial loss by the personnel, when the Hong Kong dollar reaches so high a level as to cause hardship, is provided by an exchange concession arrangement, which permits payment of a proportion of pay at a standard rate of 2s when official rate rises above 2s 2d.

The official rates in November, 1935, were fixed at 2s 0½d and 1s 6½d for the Hong Kong and North China dollars respectively. But there was a drop in commercial rates of exchange to about 1s 5d and 1s 2½d.

Advantage of this position was taken on a large scale by naval and dockyard personnel to secure a profit by presenting dollars, which in accordance with the regulations were accepted at the official rates, for deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank and for the purchase of National Savings Certificates.

In his report the Comptroller and Auditor General adds that the situation was rectified on Nov. 22 by a special revision of the official rate.

ADMIRALTY ENQUIRY

The circumstances were investigated by an Admiralty Committee including a Treasury representative. They found that the action of the personnel was covered by higher authority, and that the accountant officers at Hong Kong made adequate representations of the facts to their superior officers.

"The Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong; however," it was stated, "did not seem to have realised how the particular transactions in question differed from other transactions arising from currency variations."

"The Commander-in-Chief on the station—though aware of an abnormal state of affairs, was not kept adequately informed of the extent of the transactions, his principal reasons for not taking steps was his pre-occupation with the well-being of the personnel."

London, To-day.

The Marquess of Zetland received the seals of office as Secretary of State for Burma at the Privy Council held at Windsor Castle yesterday.—British Wireless.

**QUEEN MARY
HOSPITAL**Yesterday's Opening
Ceremony**NEW REFUGE FOR
THE SICK**

Yesterday saw the culmination of many years of planning and labouring when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, to the accompaniment of crackers and the hand-clapping of some 400 spectators, turned a gold key in the front entrance of the Queen Mary Hospital and declared the building open for inspection.

Prior to the opening ceremony the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical Services, greeted His Excellency and Lady Caldecott and in a short speech gave a resume of the history of the hospital from the time its site was first discussed until the conclusion of its erection this month.

Following the opening ceremony the large gathering, led by the Governor and the official party, made an inspection tour of the entire building, before going over to the nurses' quarters, where tea was served after the official party had been photographed.

The Governor accompanied by Lady Caldecott, Captain W. J. R. Cragg, A.D.C., and Mr. H. J. Crutwell, Private Secretary.

Magnificent Structure

His Excellency was presented to Messrs. A. Anderson, R. P. Shaw, R. J. B. Clarke, J. Fraser, Wun Hing and Kong Wing, who were closely connected with work of construction.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, in the course of his speech, declared:

Here we have a magnificent structure erected in one of the most beautiful and health giving spots in the world, and here we have all the means for effecting efficiency.

It is very fitting that you should open this building with your blessing, and on behalf of the Medical Department I would say how happy we are that you have consented to spare so much of the little time you have left to perform the ceremony.

Governor's Reply

His Excellency said in reply:

In declaring this hospital open for inspection, I congratulate all who have been engaged in its design and construction on the fruition of their labours, the Medical Department on the enhancement of its opportunities to heal and cure, and the people of this Colony on this new refuge for the sick and suffering. May Heaven's blessing rest upon all who give or receive treatment, on all who serve, and on all who study within these walls.

The party then ascended the entrance steps, and Sir Andrew, using a gold key supplied by the contractors, opened the door, saying, "I declare this building open for inspection."

**King And Queen Visit
Hampton Court**

London, To-day.

The King and Queen paid a surprise visit to Hampton Court yesterday and inspected the camp for the Colonial contingent attending the Coronation.—Reuter.

THE WORLD GOES BY

A CITIZEN of Karlsruhe has been sentenced to a year's penal servitude for "behaving in a race-oblivious manner." Love for a Jewess brought him to this unhappy pass.

Race-oblivion in Great Britain generally takes the form of falling in love with somebody not-quite-out-of-the-top-drawer.

Galsworthy treats this problem in "The Apple Tree." His hero pulls himself together with an effort at the last moment, leaves the girl flat, and marries the usual well-bred angular mate reserved by Providence for British chaps of good family.

Had he continued along the flowery path, he would have sunk irrevocably into race-oblivion and given up caring for cricket.

Probably he would have also taken to wearing soft-fronted shirts and a dinner-jacket when everybody was in tails.

Sociologists attribute such frenzies to weakening of the moral fibre.

"It is a matter, alas," said one of them in a special interview with the *China Mail*, "of being ensnared by soft, unworthy charms and ignobly shrinking from the leathery mate of Destiny. One must needs ask oneself, 'Would Drake have done it?'"

Love's Strategies

"The boys said they set fire to the barns, causing \$800 worth of damage, to attract a crowd. We hoped there would be some girls among them," they explained," says *Reuter* from Waterloo, New York.

This was the plea that got Guy Fawkes off, if you remember your Cambridge history. He was hoping, when the House of Commons blew up, that a Miss Gathercole, at whom he had been making sheep's eyes for months past, would be among the crowd. Extract from trial:—

Lord Justice Coke: Had you no other means of attracting this young girl's attention?—No, my lord, she lives in Kensington.

Lord Cecil: You might have tried a passing "Yoo-hoo."—She isn't that sort.

Lord Justice Coke: It seems an expensive way to go about it, blowing up a lot of M.P.'s?—She wouldn't mind that, my lord, she's got a sense of humour.

His Lordship then said: "Well, boys, this is a clear case of love winning through. Miss Gathercole is evidently a nice girl, none of your fast, larky, Flora McFlimsy sort, and Fawkes here seems the type of young man who could provide a nice little home, the sort of nest," said Coke, wiping his eyes, "where Love is king for aye and Life's storms pass unheeded o'er two hearts that beat as one. Case dismissed."

A Bit About Spring

Not many more than a dozen fogs and cloud-bursts separate us from the beginning of Spring, that delicious season of which the French poet Mallarmé wrote, "Voici l'Anglais avec son sang-froid habituel"—a phrase translated by Walter Pater, so appropriately, as "Here comes

Programmes To Explain Coronation

Special programmes designed to assist listeners to Daventry in their appreciation of the actual Coronation broadcasts in May are being prepared by the BBC. They include:—

An account of the progress of the preparations now being made in Westminster Abbey;

A series of four talks on the ecclesiastical and other rites of the Coronation Ceremony;

A programme showing the origin and development of heraldry.

Howard Marshall, who, as has already been announced, will be the BBC's observer in Westminster Abbey on May 12, will be responsible for the description of the preparations in the Abbey. He will give listeners details of the almost unbelievable transformation of the Abbey's interior that is now taking place, and will tell them how far the work has progressed. His words will be illustrated by sound-pictures of the intense activity behind the Abbey walls: the hammering, sawing, and other noises inseparable from the business of providing seats for 7,700 guests, and—representative of activity of another kind—the tuning of the organ. It is hoped that an opportunity will be found for representatives of the men effecting the transformation—the night-foreman, for example, who was engaged on the same work during the Coronation of King George V—to express their unique viewpoint of the work.

'Getting Ready for the Coronation'

Transmission 1, April 22, 7.10 a.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 2, April 20, 11.45 a.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 3, April 24, 2.45 p.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 4, April 19, 9.20 p.m. G.M.T. and April 22, 6.25 p.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 5, April 21, 2.55 a.m. G.M.T.

'Crowning the King' is the title of the series of special talks. The first will be given by Canon A. C. Dean, one of the King's chaplains and a Canon of Windsor, who will deal with the various ecclesiastical rites associated with the Coronation Ceremony. Mr. O. F. Morshed, D.S.O., M.V.O., M.C., the Librarian at Windsor Castle, will be responsible for the remaining three talks of the series, and will describe the other rites of the Ceremony. He will discuss their relations to the country in general as well as to the King, and will also have something to say on the recent proceedings at the Court of Claims and the functions of Officers of State such as the Earl Marshal.

'Crowning the King'—1

Transmission 1, April 21, 7.10 a.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 2, April 20, 12.45 p.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 4, April 22, 10.45 p.m. G.M.T.

Transmission 5, April 23, 2.55 a.m. G.M.T.

the Englishman with his usual sanguinary cold."

Tennyson, too, has a perfect reflection of the peculiarly English sentiment, exhibited at this time of year, in a couplet which every schoolboy knows:

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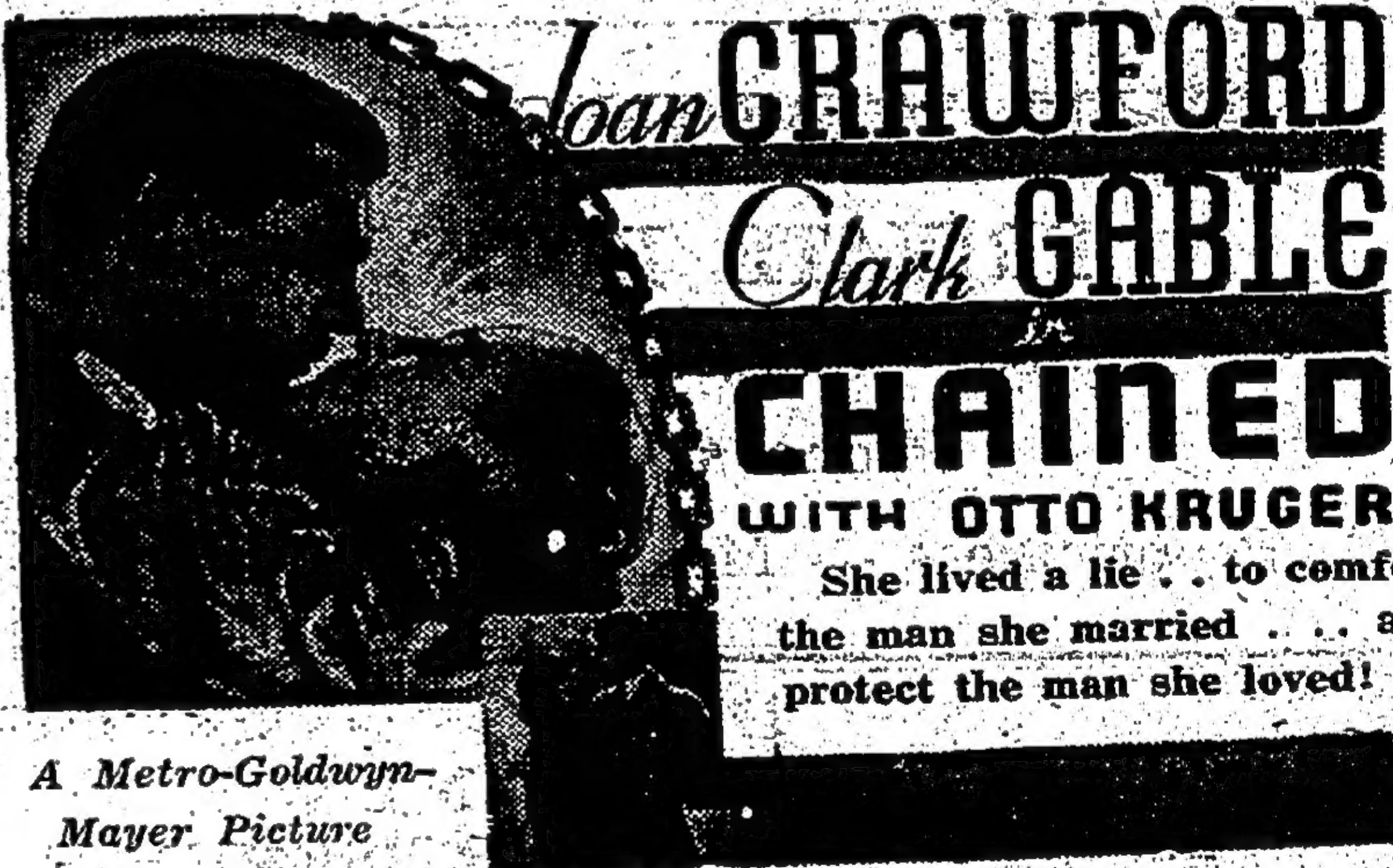
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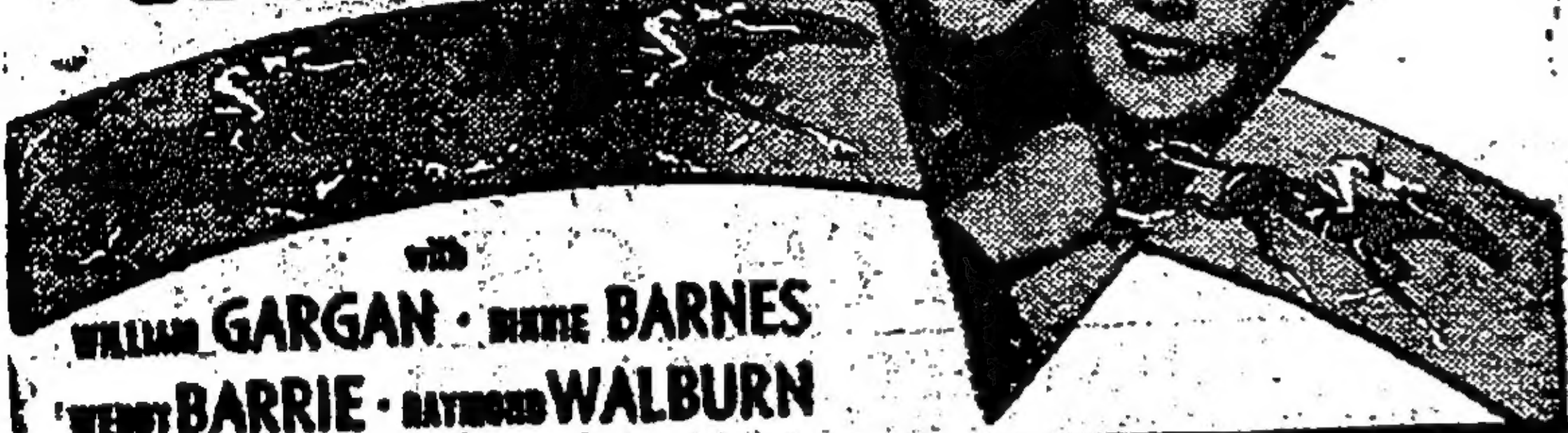
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Hong Kong, 12th April, 1937.

KEELUNG INCIDENT SETTLED

FORMOSAN POLICE CENSURED

London, To-day.

The Japanese have expressed regrets for the Keelung incident, when British sailors were reported to have been submitted to third degree methods in a police station, announced the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

REPLYING TO LT.-COM. R. T. H. FLETCHER (LAB. NUNEATON), MR. EDEN SAID THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ARRANGEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FORMOSA GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE BRITISH CONSUL IN FORMOSA.

HE REGRETTED THAT SUCH AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED AND STATED THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY RECURRENCE, AT THE SAME TIME INVITING THE CO-OPERATION OF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO THAT END.

The letter continued to state that the Governor had reprimanded the policeman concerned for improper conduct in laying hands on the sailor under examination and for using improper language to a British officer.

The policeman's conduct, the Governor-General stated, was doubtless due to his limited knowledge of the English language, and he had cautioned him to be more careful in future.

The letter concluded with the hope that the incident might be regarded as closed.

REGARDED AS CLOSED

The British Consul, continued Mr. Eden, had acknowledged the letter and agreed that the incident should be regarded as closed.

He assured the Government of Formosa that they might certainly count on his co-operating in preventing a recurrence of similar incidents.

The settlement, said Mr. Eden, was regarded as satisfactory by the British Government, and the Foreign Secretary was sure the House would agree that it was a matter of satisfaction that the case should be finally disposed of. — Reuter.

OXFORD COCKTAIL PARTIES

Proctor's Warning To Students

Comments on the "effervescence" of undergraduates and their tendency in recent months to hold more and more sherry and cocktail parties were made by Mr. C.H.S. Fifoot, Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford, in his valedictory address to Convocation as senior retiring proctor.

"It is sometimes asserted," he declared, "that the modern undergraduate is a more peaceful citizen, a gentler creature than his predecessor. The statement is not without a measure of truth."

"Nor is the ebb and flow of disorder unconnected with economic conditions. The anxious proctor will scan the horizon for the approach of a nice, healthy depression. 'I think I can detect in the last few months the influence of a more rapid circulation of money. One of the symptoms is the prevalence of cocktail and sherry parties."

"In themselves a pleasant form

NAVAL OFFICERS LEAVING

Twenty-Eight Sailing In Dorsetshire

The following Naval officers are leaving the Colony after service on the China Station, in the Dorsetshire on Friday:—

Commander R. M. Ellis (Delight)
 Commander J. E. Broome (Rainbow)
 Lieut.-Cdr. B. E. Kendall (Duncan)
 Lieut.-Cdr. N. L. Dwyne (Diamond)
 Lieut.-Cdr. E. P. Hinton (Defender)
 Lieut.-Cdr. R. C. S. Garwood (Regulus)
 Lieutenant M. Johnstone (Hermes)
 Lieutenant A. Kennett (Medway)
 Lieutenant R. M. T. Peacock (Regulus)
 Lieutenant J. E. Moore (Phoenix)
 Lieutenant S. R. White (Oswald)
 Lieutenant E. J. O'Shea (Seamew)
 Lieutenant J. Cochrane (Bruce)
 Lieutenant C. S. Battersby (Duncan)
 Lieutenant D. A. B. Abdy (Pandora)
 Lieutenant J. F. R. Crews (Osiris)
 Lieutenant E. Ingram (Sandwich)
 Lieutenant R. E. Coltart (Proteus)
 Lieutenant (E) E. Mill (Regent)
 Surg.-Lieut. D. P. Gurd (Moth)
 Cdr. Wtr. H. L. Blake (Tamar)
 Schm. B. Clark (Duncan)
 Schm. E. Reid (Medway)
 Cdr. Bos'n A. T. Board (Medway)
 Wt. Tel. L. A. Howes (Medway)
 Gr. A. G. Samuel (Falmouth)
 Wt. Eng. C. E. A. Malt (Olympus)
 Wt. Eng. E. Tickle (Medway).

12 TIMES MARRIED

Mrs. Inez Swanson, aged fifty-eight, of Los Angeles, has been twelve times married.

She was a grandmother at thirty-three and a great-grandmother at fifty-six.

of social entertainment, they have clearly to be kept within bounds. The undergraduate who asked leave to invite 700 guests, mistook alike the value of his generosity and the forbearance of the proctors.

"They have, moreover, the effect of drawing into the city numbers of guests who seize the opportunity to discharge a superfluous energy and whose activities it is not always easy for their host to control."

He also expressed the opinion that the increasing traffic of senior members of the university with the "vulgar" currency of politics and their closer association with the more controversial aspects of undergraduate life were disturbing phenomena."

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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
 12.30 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
 1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
 1.03 p.m.—Light Concert Items.
 1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
 1.40 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.
 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
 4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
 7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
 7 p.m.—A Programme of English Music.
 Choral—
 The Turtle Dove (arr. Vaughan Williams), The English Singers.
 Orchestral—
 The Wreckers—Overture (Dame Ethel Smyth), The British Symphony Orchestra.
 Choral—
 A Farmer's Son (Old Folk Song), (arr. Vaughan Williams), The English Singers.
 Orchestral—
 Summer Night on the River (Delius), The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
 Soprano Solo—
 Down Vauxhall Way (Oliver), Mavis Bennett.
 Quartette—
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 7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
 7.35 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
 Frisquita Serenade (Lehar), Si mes vers avaient des ailes (Hahn), "Faust" Fantasia (Gounod), Adoree (West), Love everlasting (Friml), "The Land of Smiles" (Lehar)—Patiently smiling, You are my heart's delight.
 8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.
 8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
 Accordion Solo—
 Woodland Flowers, Viljo Vesterinen.
 Humorous—
 Vic Oliver ambles on, Vic Oliver (Comedian).
 Vocal—
 "Born to Dance"—I've got you under my skin, Rap tap on wood, Frances Langford.
 Piano Solos—
 "The Student Prince" Serenade, The Desert Song, Tony Lowry.
 Vocal—
 There's a new world... Ike Hatch.

Instrumental—
 Dipsomania... Spanish "Electric" Guitar Solo by Len Fillis.
 Vocal—
 I'm all alone... Webster Booth.
 Instrumental—
 "It's Love Again"—Fox-Trot Medley, "The King Steps Out"—Waltz Medley... The Keyboarders.
 The World is waiting for the Sunrise... Len Fillis (Hawaiian Guitar).
 Vocal—
 The way you look to-night, Leslie Hutchinson.
 Humorous—
 Bang! Bang! Bang! Nellie Wallace (Comedienne).
 Accordion Band—
 Don't dingle dangle on the old Garden Wall... London Piano-Accordion Band.
 Vocal—
 When did you leave heaven? Frances Langford.
 8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
 9.15 p.m.—Band Selections.
 Mirella—Overture (Gounod, arr. O'Donnell), B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
 Tidworth Tattoo—
 Sambre et Meuse March (Planquette), Tidworth March, Coburg March... Massed Bands of the Southern Command.
 The Mill in the Black Forest, March of the Mountain Gnomes (Eilenberg)... Regimental Band

Fifty Minutes
Of Variety:
Vic Oliver

of H.M. Grenadier Guards.
 9.35 p.m.—From the Studio.
 A Light Pianoforte Recital by Lillian Quinn, and Ivy Allen (Soprano).
 1. Song—Off to the Greenwood, May Brahe.
 2. Pianoforte—Selected.
 3. Song—Butterfly Wings, Montague Phillips.
 4. Pianoforte—Selected.
 5. Song—Selected.
 10 p.m.—London—Big Ben Dance Music.
 Fox-Trot—
 Leave it to love, That moment of moments, Words without music.
 Quick-Step—
 Raggin' the scale, Canadian Capers.
 Fox-Trot—
 Poor little Angelina, Saddle your Blues to a wild Mustang.
 Waltz—
 Secret Rendezvous, The one rose.
 Fox-Trot—
 Scat Singing Sue, Oh by Jinggo.
 Waltz—
 Throw open wide your window.
 Fox-Trot—
 Star Dust, Chinatown, my Chinatown.
 Just Dance, Comedy Waltz—
 Dandelion, Daisy and Daffodill.
 Fox-Trot—
 There's something in the wind, The old oaken bucket.
 Waltz—Dear love, my love.
 11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES
By ELY CULBERTSON

A Little Knowledge

The sentence, "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing," might have been coined expressly for contract players, so aptly does it apply. Thousands of players take pride in their acquaintance with the so-called conventions of bidding and play, but stubbornly shut their eyes and ears to the long and equally important list of exceptions. This is precisely like engaging in a fist fight with one hand tied behind the back. It may be brave, even grandiloquently heroic, but unless one's antagonist is a cripple is apt to result in a prosaic black eye.

South, in to-day's hand, had learned all about rebiddable suits and, having one this time, decided to rebid it, come what might! His bravery was badly timed.

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable: 60 part Score.

NORTH		EAST	
S-8 4 3 2		S-Q J 10 9 5	
H-8 4		H-7	
D-8 5 2		D-A 10 9 6	
C-9 7 4 3		C-A Q 2	
WEST		SOUTH	
S-A 7		S-K 6	
H-Q J 9 6		H-A K 10 5 3 2	
D-K Q J 4		D-7 3	
C-8 6 5		C-K J 10	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 heart	Pass	Pass	1 spade
2 hearts	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West's pass after South's original bid was in the nature of a trap. But he ran the grave risk that the opponents would get to a safe contract of two-odd in a black suit. In that case West would have his choice between giving up the ghost and bidding at a dangerous level. North's pass especially in view of the score, was an abject confession of weakness. Against nonvulnerable opponents he thought it wiser not to attempt a bluff. Had there

been no part score, East's best course clearly would have been to double in the hope that West could pass for penalties. Even with the score, a double would have been correct, but his bid of one spade cannot be severely criticised. South's rebid virtually begged for trouble. His partner's pass had announced a "bust." That meant the opponents had at least five honour tricks. He could not hope to outbid them with his three and one-half honour tricks. And then there was the danger that his presumption might evoke a penalty double, as it actually did.

West's opening lead was the king of diamonds. A lead from three touching honours almost always is better than the ace of partner's suit. East signaled with the ten and West continued with the jack of diamonds. East correctly decided that the purpose of this play was to put him on lead, so he overtook with the ace and shifted to the queen of spades. South covered and the suit was continued. The third round was ruffed by South, while West discarded a club.

South drew two rounds of trumps, East discarding the deuce of clubs. Then he led the jack of clubs which East won and returned a spade. South ruffed and West overruffed. West cashed the queen of hearts and exited with his last diamond. South had to use his last trump to win the trick and East took the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and a spade.

It was small consolation to South to know that East and West could have scored a game. They were perfectly willing to take 1,100 points instead.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding had proceeded:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 spade	Pass
2 spades	Double		

Could North's double be interpreted as a penalty double in the Culbertson system?

Answer: No. North's double is meant for a takeout.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Music Hath Charms", with Henry Hall's famous B.B.C. Dance Band, W. H. Berry, Arthur Margetson and Carol Goodner. A British picture, something new in films in which there are four stories each linked up logically with the main theme showing the effect of Henry Hall's dance music on different persons.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Rhythm on the Range", with Bing Crosby, Frances Farmer, Bob Burns and Martha Raye. Bing Crosby needs no introduction and the rest of the cast are all outstanding in this lively musical comedy.

AT THE KING'S—"One Rainy Afternoon", with Francis Lederer, Ida Lupino and Roland Young. A United Artist picture in which Francis Lederer and Roland Young give outstanding performances. It's all about a stolen kiss in a Paris cinema and the resulting complications provide one of the best comedies shown here for weeks.

AT THE STAR—"Steamboat Round the Bend", with Will Rogers, Eugene Pallette, Stepin Fetchit and Irvin S. Cobb. A love story of a swamp girl and a river pilot and the comedy feud between the late Bill Rogers and Irvin S. Cobb who play a pair of rival boat captains.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Chained", with Joan Crawford and Clark Gable. Otto Kruger, Stuart Erwin and Una O'Connor. The locale of the film, ever-shifting, covers half the Western hemisphere, moving from New York to a South American ranch. The story is swift, credible, well-acted and above all, entertaining.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Breezing Home", with Wendy Barrie, Binnie Barnes and William Gargan. A swift paced, brightly humorous movie story about modern night clubs and race horses at the Santa Anita race track.

COMING PICTURES

"White Hunter"—with Warner Baxter and June Lang in a thrilling story of two people amid the menace of savage passions. Coming to the Queen's.

"Under Cover of Night"—with Edmund Lowe, Florence Rice, Sarah Haden and Nat Pendleton. One of the most unique mystery stories to reach the screen. The story is placed in a great College with a background of science for the mysterious crimes. This is unusual and stirs the interest from the start with Lowe as the sleuth. Coming to the King's.

"Mind Your Own Business"—With Charles Ruggles, Alice Brady, Lyle Talbot, Benny Baker and Frankie Darro. The tale of a nature writer who has bees in his bonnet as well as his column and a wife who gets him into a tangle that it takes a general alarm to unravel. Coming to the Queen's.

"Champagne Waltz"—with Gladys Swarthout, Fred MacMurray, Jack Oakie and Herman Bing. Gladys Swarthout's excellent singing is a major feature, but a bright film, it includes humour, a touch of pathos and some of the most delightful music heard for a long while. The musical background is provided by Strauss waltzes. Coming to the Oriental.



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Basque Defenders Reported On Verge Of Starvation

MONTREUX CONFERENCE

British Government Statement

London, To-day.

A Montreux message states that Captain Euan Wallace, Secretary of the Department for Overseas Trade, was the first speaker at today's public session of the Egyptian capitulations conference.

In stressing the particular friendship between Egypt and United Kingdom, Captain Wallace declared that the British Government, in line with other Governments, was in full agreement with the suppression of capitulations.

The final aim of conference was freedom of action for the Egyptian Government concerning foreigners in the legislative and judicial domains. He recalled the engagements already entered into by Egypt for equitable treatment of strangers and said it was the duty of the conference to give certain guarantees as to their future to the foreign communities.

The British Government attached great importance to the success of the conference.—British Wireless.

MILITARY POLICE SERGEANT FOUND DEAD

Apparent Suicide At Barracks

Found dead with his throat cut and an open razor by his side, the body of Sergeant W. P. Brown, of the Corps of Military Police, was removed to the Public Mortuary from Whitfield Barracks yesterday.

It is understood that the victim of the tragedy, who leaves a widow and four children, had recently been subject to fits of depression and there seems to be little doubt that the fatal injuries were self-inflicted.

The tragedy was discovered by colleagues at the Barracks.

Sergeant Brown, who was about 42 years old, would in the normal course of events have gone home next year.

HOPEI COUNCIL AND JAPAN

Speculation Aroused By Visits

Peiping, To-day.

Mr. Chen Chung-fu, Delegate of Foreign Affairs of the Hopei-Chahar Political Council, flew to Dairen from Tientsin yesterday en route to Tokyo.

The Hopei and Chahar Economic Investigation Commission, headed by Mr. Chang Chi-chung, will also leave Tientsin for Japan next week.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sixteen miners, trapped by an explosion in a coal mine at Logan, West Virginia, are feared to be dead.

Insurgents Claim Successes At Madrid

Salamanca, To-day.

Disastrous losses were suffered by the International Brigade defending Madrid yesterday, says a communique issued by insurgent headquarters here.

THE COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS THAT THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS LAUNCHED A STRONG ATTACK AFTER ARTILLERY OPERATIONS. THEY WERE SUPPORTED BY RUSSIAN TANKS BUT RETREATED IN DISORDER, SIX TANKS BEING CAPTURED AND TWO DESTROYED.

The fleeing soldiers, it is claimed, were raked by machine-gun fire by their own planes as well as by the insurgents.

Shortage of food is believed, in Salamanca, to be bringing about a collapse of Basque resistance at Bilbao.

BILBAO RUMOURS

Rumours of negotiations for surrender of the town, though denied in Bilbao, have been current, and it is significant that the insurgent offensive has halted its heavy attacks.—Reuter.

Salamanca, To-day.

Another communique from insurgent headquarters confirms the report that the rebel offensive on the Basque front was slackened off since Monday.

This, however, is due to bad weather conditions and not to negotiations with the besieged for surrender of Bilbao.

COUNTER-ATTACKS

The Republican offensive on the Madrid front, which was beaten back with disastrous losses to the attackers, saw much bitter hand-to-hand fighting with grenades and the bayonet.

The rebels yesterday launched several counter-attacks on the Madrid front in an effort to relieve their comrades cut off by the Republicans in the University City sector.—Trans-Ocean.

British Prisoners In Spain

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary was questioned in the Commons about the detention in Malaga by the Spanish insurgents of Arthur Koesler, the representative there of a London newspaper.

Mr. Eden explained that Koesler was not a British subject but as he was the correspondent of an English newspaper, the insurgent authorities had been informed unofficially that His Majesty's Government were concerned for his welfare and would be glad of information concerning his position.

In another answer, Mr. Eden stated that the Foreign Office was in communication with both the Spanish Government and the insurgent authorities in respect of British subjects serving on either side in the Civil War and taken prisoner.—British Wireless.

GERMANY SEEKS CONQUEST OF ATLANTIC CATAPULT SHIPS BRITISH BID IN SOUTH

Germany's new aeroplane "mother ship," the Friesenland, has been launched at Kiel, and is shortly to proceed to Horta, in the Azores, where she will be stationed for the summer, writes Major C. C. Turner. Aeroplanes will be catapulted from her for the 2,500 miles flight to New York, where another "mother ship," the Schwabenland, will receive them.

The Schwabenland was in New York Harbour last year for German trans-Atlantic air mail experiments, and the Aeolus, a flying boat, was catapulted from her deck and flew to Horta in 17 hours 50 minutes last September.

The flying boats to be used on the mail service are the Aeolus and Zephyr, a Dornier type, weighing 10 tons and fitted with two engines of 550 h.p. The catapulting apparatus on the Schwabenland and Friesenland is capable of launching planes weighing 16 tons.

Britain's Bid

These "mother ships" also serve a valuable secondary purpose as meteorological stations.

I am informed that the Germans intend to use Teneriffe as a station on their Atlantic services. The small aerodrome there is being rapidly enlarged, the work involving much blasting of solid rock and the filling up of hollows.

British experimental flight over the North Atlantic will begin in May, but there is no intention of attempting a regular service this year, and it is extremely doubtful whether it will be possible before 1939.

Great Britain is expected shortly to make a bid for the South Atlantic air service, over which French and German air lines are already operating, and the granting of a contract is expected to be the subject of an announcement in the course of the next few days.

In this year's Air Estimates provision is made only for experimental flights on the South Atlantic.

British Embassy In Nanking

QUESTIONS ABOUT HIGH COST

London, To-day.

The question of the cost of the new British Embassy in Nanking was raised in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. S. P. Viant, Labour member for West Willesden, on the vote for public buildings overseas.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, representing the Office of Works in the House, said that money was being asked for complete purchase of the site, the total cost of which, including roads, was about \$15,000.

In regard to Mr. Viant's query whether it was necessary to have the Embassy at Nanking, Mr. Hudson thought it was the general opinion of the House and the British commercial community in China that it was essential that the Ambassador have his residence in the capital.

In regard to whether it was necessary to expend so large a sum as \$190,000, Mr. Hudson pointed out that the Embassy comprised a comparatively large establishment which, it was desired, should be accommodated inside a compound, and provide moderate buildings for all of them, was expensive. The cost, he pointed out, was spread over a period of five years.

The vote was agreed.—Reuter.

OLD LEGEND OF ABYSSINIA

"Relics" Do Not Exist

The truth of various ancient traditions of Abyssinia is denied by a commission of Italian archaeologists now returned from Addis Ababa.

They went there to find the Ark of the Covenant and the tables of the Law of Moses, so that these "relics" could be brought to Rome and placed beside the statue of the Lion of Judah from Addis Ababa. The Italians suggest that the relics do not exist.

They throw doubt upon the claim of the Emperor Haile Selassie that he is descended from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

The legend was that the son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba named Menilchek took the Moses relics from Jerusalem and set them up in Axum, holy city of Abyssinia. The Italians spoke with a person unnamed who said that he had seen a table of the Law of Moses in a temple at Axum. This witness said the table was of red marble, on which the Ten Commandments were inscribed in Amharic.

This cannot be the original table, the Italians argue, because the Commandments were written on two tables, according to biblical evidence. Moreover, they think the text should be in ancient Hebrew.

LARGE SCALE LABOUR WAR IN CANADA NOW ENVISAGED

General Motors Prepare For "Long Siege"

Oshawa (Ontario), To-day.

The automobile strike in Canada has forced General Motors to turn over rush export orders for cars to its United States affiliated companies.

MR. HARRY CARMICHAEL, VICE-PRESIDENT OF GENERAL MOTORS, YESTERDAY MADE PUBLIC A TELEGRAM SENT TO THE CORPORATION'S OFFICE IN ENGLAND REGRETTING THAT THEY COULD GIVE NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THE GENERAL MOTORS OF CANADA TROUBLE WOULD BE SETTLED.

THE TELEGRAM ADDED THAT ANY ORDERS IMMEDIATELY REQUIRED WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM UNITED STATES PLANTS.

MEANWHILE, MR. MITCHELL HEPBURN, PREMIER OF ONTARIO, HAS ASKED THE CABINET AT TORONTO TO SUPPORT THE POLICY OF OPPOSITION TO THE C.I.O. OR TO "RE-SIGN."

GENEVA BUSYBODIES CRITICIZED

Sir Henry Page Croft Makes Protest

"It is high time that a halt should be called to the activities of the Geneva busybodies in the internal affairs of the British Empire," declared Sir Henry Page Croft, addressing a meeting at Boscombe. "If British taxpayers realised," he said, "the immensity of their losses owing to the actions of the League in the last two years, both owing to the provision of defence forces in the Mediterranean and to the loss of trade, more especially to South Wales, I believe there would be a revulsion of opinion against the interference."

He called attention to alarming statements which had emanated from Geneva. The Secretariat of the League had prepared certain proposals for the Committee on Raw Materials, and some of those proposals appeared definitely to interfere with the administration of the British Colonial Empire.

"One proposal," he pointed out, "attacks the whole principle of import quotas and preferential agreements. A second interferes with the right of Colonies to grant preference in favour of the Mother Country or other Colonies within the Empire orbit, and criticises the trade arrangements made between the self-governing Dominions and the British Colonial Empire at the time of the Ottawa agreements."

"A third transforms the British Colonies into mandated territories and proposes that all countries should receive equal treatment in all markets — or at least in all Colonial markets, which appears to suggest that all territories under the British flag should become the playground of internationalists."

"If," Sir Henry concluded, "the whole unity of the Empire is to be impaired and its fiscal principles interfered with by countries which have no possible connection with

Demanding united support from the Cabinet, Mr. Hepburn declared that the forces of Mr. John Lewis (the American Labour leader) and Communism were marching together.

"We are going to hold back the spread of Communism in this Province as long as I am here," he declared.

STRONGER POLICE FORCE

The Premier added that he had arranged for augmentation of the emergency police force in Toronto after the discovery that "Communists from outside were ready to take an increasingly active part in the Oshawa situation."

When the spare parts department of the Oshawa factory opened yesterday, 48 employees reported for work and were hooted by 3,500 strike pickets.—Reuter.

MORE WORKERS JOIN C.I.O.

New Kensington (Pa.), To-day. Delegates from the country's ten principal aluminium plants, representing 12,000 workers, have severed their affiliations with the American Federation of Labour and have formed a new Union affiliated with the Council of Industrial Organisation.—Reuter.

SUGAR CONFERENCE CONTINUES

London, To-day.

The Bureau of the International Sugar Conference met yesterday afternoon.

An official communique states that it took note of the progress made in the work of the subcommittee entrusted with negotiations with the delegations for the purpose of fixing the basis of agreement. These negotiations will continue for several days yet.—British Wireless.

Two cases of meningitis, both in Victoria, were reported to the Health Department in the 24 hours ended at midnight.

the Empire, then indeed it will become a question whether the League of Nations has not become a centre of intrigue at our expense."

REDUCING RISK OF ICE TO PLANES PERFECT DEVICE SEARCH

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' STATEMENT

Recently some of the Imperial Airways services from London were cancelled owing to the danger of ice-formation. Foreign air lines and inland British air lines, operated with machines equipped with de-icers, left as usual. Imperial Airways machines on the Continental services are not equipped with de-icers.

Foreign Monoplanes

The foreign air liners referred to are monoplanes, with wings of deep section, and it is undoubtedly the fact that de-icers on the leading edge of wings of this kind are more effective than on other types of machines.

Imperial Airways' air liners still in use on the Continental services are biplanes, and the wings are of comparatively thin section. The de-icer, which consists of a rubber strip capable of pulsation by alternate inflation and deflation, thereby breaking up ice as it is formed, is not so effective in their case. The new fleets of land aeroplanes and flying-boats now being acquired by Imperial Airways are all monoplanes, but an official stated that the fitting of de-icers has not yet been ordered, and that until a satisfactory de-icer is found will not be ordered.

"Must Be Infallible"

"Such a contrivance, if it is to be relied upon, must be infallible," he said. "Unfortunately, there have this winter been at least three bad

Clydeside Strike Hopes

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A MORE HOPEFUL ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS ON CLYDESIDE, WHERE THERE ARE NOW 12,000 ENGINEERING APPRENTICES ON STRIKE, FOLLOWING INTERVENTION BY THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

At the request of the apprentices' representatives, Government officials are considering the situation in all its aspects, and will place a proposal, at present unrevealed, before the ship-building employers and the engineering employers Federation.

The main bone of contention is now not an increase in wages but the refusal of the employers to recognise the Unions' right to negotiate on behalf of the apprentices.

Unless the employers agree to a conference with the Unions by Wednesday, there will be a one-day strike in West of Scotland shipyards on Friday, involving 100,000 workers.—Reuter.

crashes on the Continent due to ice-formation on machines which were equipped with de-icers."

Ice also forms on propeller blades, and many foreign air liners are equipped with a chemical spraying apparatus to prevent it. Such equipment would be equally valuable to machines of all types.

The compulsory fitting of de-icers on all public service air vehicles has been urged. Failing that, a scheduled run in ice-formation conditions must be cancelled.

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Anne Edwards Tells You How To Dress To Your Figure

UP till now you've probably thought that all your odd bumps and bulges were something of your very own. As a matter of fact they all belong to a type. There are only five figure-types in the world at that, and all women fall into one or other of them, so you're really not a bit exclusive.

If you're a Young Woman of Today you most probably belong to the Sway-Back Type; and that means you have very special dress problems of your own.

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These are the characteristics of this figure type.

Good: Attractively small bust, neat and narrow waistline.

Bad: Very long back which slopes in to the waist and curves out into a rather sudden seat. Too much width across hips and thighs.

These are the styles to avoid in your clothes. Anything that emphasises your long backline, such as coats fitted into the back, wide belts, low waists, the new low Regency basques.

Anything that makes your bust seem smaller, such as tight-fitting high-necked bodices, dark jumpers with light skirts. Anything that over-outlines your hips, day skirts cut on the cross clinging materials, bows or decorations on the hips, long jumpers ending across your hips evening skirts that cling tightly to the knees.

These are the styles that will suit you and why.

For About Town Walking you'll always look nice in swagger or boxy coats that fall away from your back, because they disguise its length and curviness. Not shorter than hip length Suitable is a three-piece with a tailored coat and skirt under the swagger. The skirt with inverted pleat back and front which makes the hem swing out a little instead of going in under your seat.

For Morning you'd look nice in a little tailored frock with all its fashion points designed specially to keep your secrets.

The new wide sleeves puffed up with importance, to broaden your shoulders and make your hips seem less wide in comparison. Fussiness and tuckiness on the bodice to give you more in front, and the skirt cut on the straight to give a more flat appearance narrowish belt (if you pin it high at the back) will disguise your low waistline.

For Lunching a tailored frock in printed crepe de Chine will suit you splendidly. The same wide shoulder line balancing the breadth of your hips; the same sort of neckline with a not-too-high neck lightly swathed and caught down with a clip (thrown in); the same cut-on-the-straight skirt, but with extra fullness cleverly insinuated in front because it's a lighter material that they would otherwise cling too closely to the seat of the trouble. And a contrasting crepe sash can be tied (and pinned high) to break the long line at the back.

For Evening the sort of frock for you is cut on the cross, but there's a heavy-stitch hem to hold it away from your figure and swirling round



For free-swinging comfort in sports, nothing is quite so correct as sweater and skirt with anklet socks. Here, Pauline Moore, screen actress, shows the attractiveness of such a combination. A navy or white skirt may be worn.

your ankles. It's tailored in a heavy, firm material, not a clingy one, so that the fullness begins immediately below the hips. And a little jacket with its provocative, fluted basque is just the thing.

Finally, you'll make your clothes problem ever so much easier if you wear a foundation specially designed for your figure type.

LIGHT FEET MAKE A LIGHT HEART

FEET again! I say "again" because some part of every day we can't help seeing other people's feet. What is more to the point—do you notice your own?

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Far too many people are careless about the appearance of their feet, and they think others won't notice them, either. That is a great mistake. I have seen young women beautifully dressed from head to knees, but with ugly feet. And those ugly feet have spoiled their whole appearance.

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Don't think you can tuck them away under bus seats or when you are riding in the Tube, because you can't.

If Your Child Has Worms.

The presence of worms is no unusual complaint with little children, it is in fact a common cause of malnutrition, failure to gain weight and consequent indifferent health. Some of the indications of the presence of worms are distention of the stomach, furred tongue, bad breath, fickle appetite, grinding of the teeth in sleep. If you have reason to suspect that your child has worms you should at once take steps to expel the parasites, which will otherwise make him irritable, thin, weak and backward.

A dose or two of Baby's Own Tablets are in most instances sufficient to get rid of the worms and to restore good health. These tablets are the prescription of a British medical child specialist, are guaranteed free from opiates, narcotics and other harmful ingredients, and are therefore perfectly safe for the youngest infant in arms as well as for older children.

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Don't say, "I've got fallen arches," and go around looking like a lost soul. What is the use of telling everyone about your fallen arches? They can see very well for themselves and, in any case, they're not a bit interested.

But they would be most interested if they knew you were really doing something about them and they set eyes on you.

So much bad footwork is due entirely to carelessness, a don't care attitude, a wrong belief that feet cannot be improved.

If I were Dictator I would make it a public duty for every single person to make the best of herself, and woe betide anyone who neglected her feet. For punishment I would compel the guilty persons to wear placards for a week bearing the inscription, "I am too lazy to look after my feet." And people would think that their minds were in a similar state of apathy, because a slipshod appearance is a sure indication of a slipshod mind.

So—watch your step!

WOMEN LEARN FLATTERY

American women are devoting themselves to an art that has previously been condemned and despised—flattery.

Books on the art of flattery are having a record sale throughout the country (writes our New York correspondent), and more are hurriedly being written by authors anxious "to be in the money."

The best seller is entitled, "How to Get Your Man and Hold Him."



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BRITAIN'S GOLD PRICE

Germany Invited Into Tariff Truce?

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE BELGIAN PREMIER, M. PAUL VAN ZEELAND, HAS TAKEN THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND GERMANY ON THE ECONOMIC MISSION RECENTLY ENTRUSTED HIM BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPERS WHICH SPECULATE ON WHAT HAPPENED AT A PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN THE PREMIER AND THE REICHSBANK PRESIDENT, DR. HJALMAR SCHACHT, YESTERDAY.

It is unofficially suggested that the Premier alluded to Germany's part in a tariff truce, the possibility of eventual devaluation of the mark and prospects of the Bank of International Settlements supporting the Reichsbank.

Dr. Schacht also met a number of industrialists, including the Governor of the Belgian National Bank, M. Franck.

Another report says he is proposing a big barter transaction of Belgian colonial produce for German manufactures. — Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

Dr. Schacht In Brussels

Brussels, To-day.

The President of the Reichsbank, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, arrived in Brussels by plane early yesterday morning.

He was met at the aerodrome by the German Minister, Baron von Richtofen, and the Governor of the Belgian National Bank.

Dr. Schacht is expected to confer with the Premier, M. Paul van Zeeland, to-day. — Trans-Ocean.

SMUGGLING IN N. CHINA

Apparently On Wane Recently

London, To-day.

Smuggling in North China has apparently diminished recently, declared the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday in answer to a question from Mr. W. R. Duckworth, Conservative member for Moss Side.

In view of indications which had reached him, however, he was considering whether there were any further steps that could usefully be taken. — Reuter.

All correspondence intended for the Hong Kong Hockey Association should be addressed to Sub-Inspector L. Tyler, Police Training School, Kowloon, who has taken over the Secretaryship of the Hong Kong Hockey Association from Mr. F. A. Kemp.

NO INTENTION OF FIXING RATIO WITH STERLING

London, To-day.

"It is not at present part of the Government's policy to maintain a fixed price for gold in terms of sterling," stated the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in answer to questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRICE OF GOLD WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DETERMINING MONETARY POLICY FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE GOVERNMENT WERE FULLY ALIVE TO THE UNDESIRABILITY OF INTERFERING WITH THE FLOW OF BUSINESS TOWARDS RECOVERY.

He was satisfied with the working of the tri-partite monetary agreement (between Britain, the United States and France).

Purpose of the agreement was to maintain the greatest possible equilibrium in the system of international exchanges and avoiding to the fullest extent any disturbance of that system by monetary action by any of the Governments concerned.

The agreement did not refer expressly to the gold value of the several currencies. — Reuter.

PLANNING

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked two questions in the Commons by Mr. Boothby, a Conservative member who has been associated at various times with the advocacy of "Planning" and "Managed money".

He asked first for an assurance that the Government had no intention of taking action to check the rise in commodities by raising the price of sterling in terms of gold, in view of the deflationary effect it would have and also whether the maintenance of cheap money remained the fundamental objective of Government policy.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said they were fully alive to the undesirability of interfering with the flow of business towards recovery.

With regard to cheap money, he referred to his answer on Monday in which the point was made that cheap money was not an object in itself but a means for securing an improvement of trade activity and employment. While the Chancellor was satisfied that the policy actually followed had given the maximum stimulus to economic recovery, no statement could be made as to the future since measures to be taken at any time would depend on the course of events.

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT

Mr. Boothby's second question was about the tripartite currency agreement and whether it precluded any alteration of the gold value of its currency by any of the three Governments without prior consultation with the others.

Mr. Chamberlain said he was satisfied with the working of agreement and added that the purpose of the agreement was to maintain the greatest possible equilibrium in the system of international exchanges and to avoid to the utmost extent any disturbance of that

system by monetary action on the part of any of the Governments concerned. There was no express reference to the gold value of the several currencies.

These answers led to a supplementary question whether he was contemplating any negotiations with the United States and France for a wider and more permanent agreement.

The Chancellor said he was not contemplating that at the present time and, to another question, he explained that the last answer was not inconsistent with the expression of hope in the declaration of September 19th that it might be followed by further measure towards lowering of the restrictions on international trade. — British Wireless.

S.P.C. STREET SALE

To Be Held This Saturday

One of the Colony's best-known and most valuable organisations for the relief of poverty and suffering amongst the poorest of the poor — the Society for the Protection of Children — is holding its annual street sale of flowers on Saturday next, April 17. The event is being organised by the Women's Auxiliary of the Society, and as this is one of the Society's main sources of income it is hoped that the public will show its appreciation of the social work which the Society is doing by liberally responding to the appeal for funds.

Last year, the Society dealt with 1,572 new cases, affecting the well-being of 3,687 children. Since its foundation, the Society has handled no fewer than 5,864 cases, involving 11,751 children. Of the cases dealt with last year, one thousand required medical attention.

Some idea of the poverty-level reached by those whom the Society helps may be gathered from the fact that last year the average income per head per month of the cases dealt with was as low as \$1.78. Every case handled is closely investigated before assistance is given, and the public can rest assured that the money it contributes is put to the best possible use.

Mr. Lin Sen, President of the National Government, left Changsha for Hankow yesterday at 3.00 p.m.

OLD PRIVILEGE ABANDONED

U.S. PURSUES GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY

TREATY SECTION REPEALED

Washington, To-day.

The United States performed another "good neighbour" gesture yesterday when the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and the Mexican Ambassador signed a treaty repealing the section of the United States-Mexican Treaty of 1853 which granted the United States the right to transport armed forces across the isthmus of Tehuantepec.

Before completion of the Panama Canal, the isthmus constituted an important short cut, between the strategic Atlantic and Pacific coast areas.

United States troops were never moved across the territory but the right long constituted to Central American minds a sinister relic of United States imperialism, which the United States Government is now liquidating in the interests of her friendly Pan-American policy. — Reuter.

WOMEN'S FEATS OF STRENGTH

Loads Of 8½ Stones

Women who carry weights up to 9½ stones, and men who think nothing of handling loads of more than 3cwt, are mentioned in a Safety Pamphlet on weight-lifting in industry issued by the Home Office.

The women are employed in the firebrick industry, where some of the oldest methods of carrying are in use. They carry the loads supported on a bustle of straw, covered with sacking, and attached to the waistline.

A load of 74lb may be carried in this way. With the bustle turned round, fire-bricks weighing 70lb, and sometimes 119lb, are carried on a woman's back a distance of some yards.

"Although such methods of carrying seem archaic they are of considerable interest to the student of weight lifting and carrying," it is stated. "Custom has evolved in this industry a method of carrying which is scientifically sound."

The most frequent causes of weight-lifting accidents were found to be joint lifting—multiplication of man-power to divide the load—and too high a ratio between load and body weight. About one in four of the accidents among men occurred when two or more were negotiating a load.

MR. BROTCHENI

Prince Nicholas's New Name

Bucharest, To-day.

Prince Nicholas, Heir Presumptive to the Rumanian throne who last week was deprived of all his Royal rights and titles, has taken up residence on his estate at Brotscheni, in the Austrian Tyrol.

He intends to adopt Brotscheni as his family name, it is understood. — Trans-Ocean.

A little learning is a dangerous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring:
There, shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely, sobers us again.

(Alexander Pope, Essay on Criticism).

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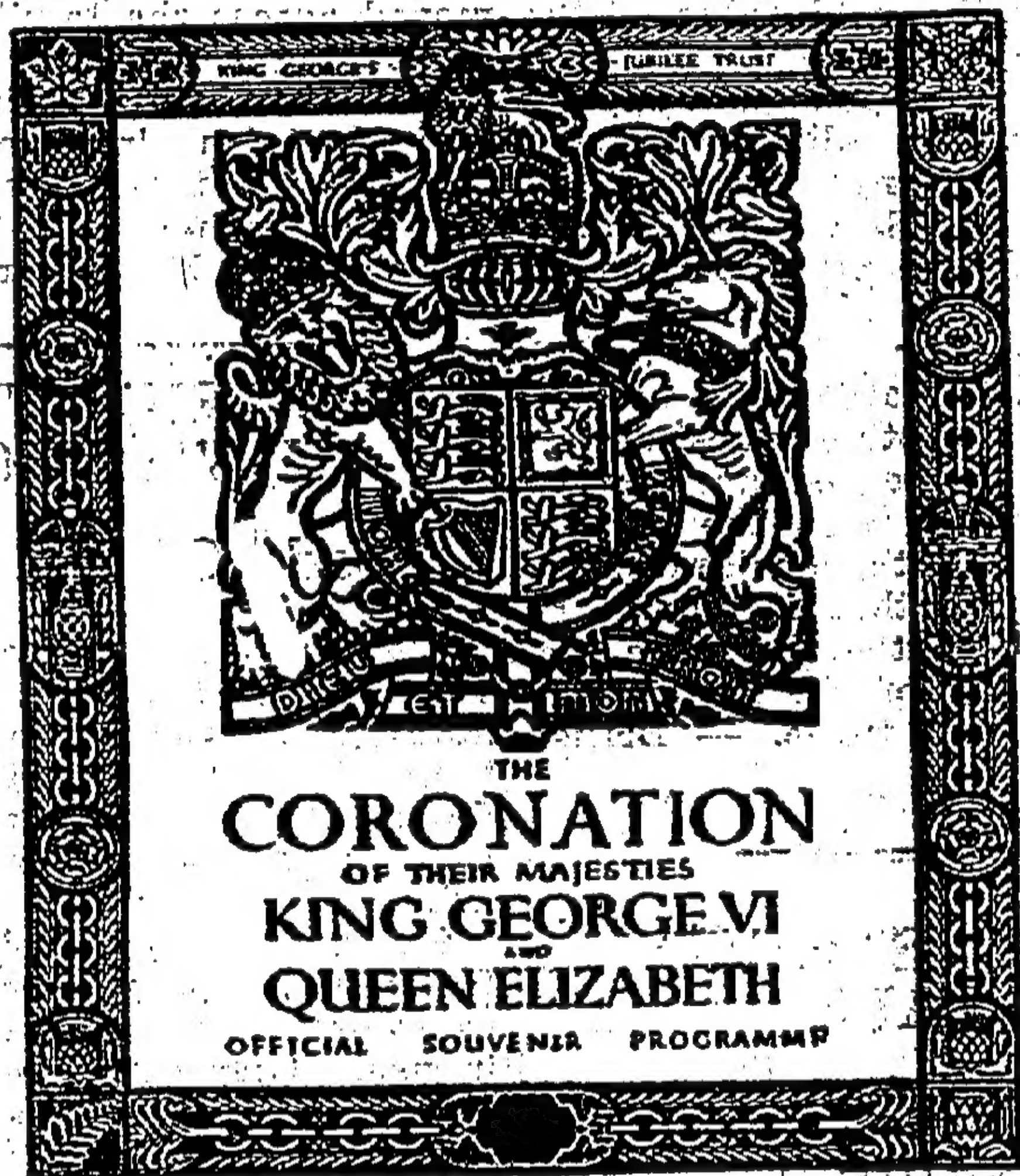
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SCANDINAVIA LEADS THE WAY

Two very interesting reactions to the dangers of war that are threatening the world are occurring to-day in the Scandinavian countries. Neither Norway nor Sweden possesses any foreign territory and in neither country is there any ambition to do so in the future. At the same time they realise that if by any chance war does break out, they may find it very difficult to maintain the neutrality which has been their traditional policy for centuries. It is true they kept out of the Great War, but the conditions of any future large-scale war are so unpredictable that they dare not calculate on similar immunity next time. They are therefore planning rearmament programmes — with the simple object of a true self-defence. They intend to be so strong that any belligerent who might otherwise be tempted for its general war purposes to attack them should think twice before taking such action.

This is realism of the same character perhaps as that which actuates the huge rearmament plans of the larger democratic countries of France and Britain, although in neither of these can there be any reasonable expectation of remaining outside the conflict, if it comes.

There is however further evidence of the 'realistic' attitude of these smaller, eminently non-bellucose countries. They are determined to do the best that they can to go to the root of the evil from which the world is suffering. No one doubts that it lies in the Economic Nationalism which has been almost universally adopted in every country. Again and again experts and even those who might be considered eligible to do something to right matters, have pointed to the pernicious influence of this policy not only upon the economic well-being of individual nations, but also upon the political relationships existing between them. Every one admits the validity of the argument that all this economic self-sufficiency planning is immensely harmful and that the great need of the moment is to restore the habit of economic co-operation between the nations on a world-wide scale. Thus and thus only can the spectre of war be exorcised, and the way to security, peace and plenty be opened.

Yet little or nothing is being done to build upon this know-

ledge. Five months ago great hope was placed on the financial agreement between America, Britain and France that enabled the latter to go off—gold with safety, for in that, perhaps for the first time since 1918, a piece of genuine economic co-operation was witnessed. But it was not followed up as it should have been by a determined attack on the tangle of tariffs, quotas, bounties, currency restrictions, and the like, that are still strangling trade and fostering a crop of bitterness between nations.

To-day the experts of seven small nations, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg are meeting in Brussels to see what lead they can give to the world in applying the essential remedy. By themselves they can do little beyond pointing the way. Will Great Britain and the other great industrial nations follow their lead!

* * * "Four Times Straight"

To those who sometimes venture to grumble to their wives about the monotony of their meals it may be some consolation to learn that great men also occasionally complain. The other day Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt told her press conference (apparently like her husband she has a regular rendezvous with the eager American reporters) that the President "rebelled when he got the same menu four times straight." The explanation of this curious coincidence is revealing. It seems that the President had expressed a fondness for salt fish a fact which was duly noted by the kitchen staff at the White House. But, said Mrs. Roosevelt, "varying members of the kitchen staff handled the meal in rotation and neglected to check on what had been served the day previous." Evidently it was another case of too many cooks. But on being asked what he would like on the fifth day Mr. Roosevelt was apparently still inclined towards sea-food and replied "Stuffed crab."

* * * Due Warning

An ordinarily sensitive population, it might be thought, would be reduced to trepidation and panic by the successive reminders of the horrors which hang over Britain in these days of "peace." By way of being let down gently, there have been a long series of warnings about gas attacks from the air. Then followed the engulfing shadow of the Government's rearmament plans. And after that, the organisation of special brigades to deal with the effect of incendiary bombs, which Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd cheerfully described as one of the most difficult forms of attack to cope with. He said he felt that volunteers for this work "would not find it dull," though it must be admitted that he did not use this ambiguous phrase in the sinister sense in which the mind of the ironic reader may perceive it. But all these attacks upon nervous sensibility have had astonishingly small results. They have not produced the proper reaction — a state of readiness and effort, — but rather a sort of stunned indifference. The result is unfortunate, for such warnings are much more serious than the attempts of a political fat boy to make the blood curdle.

"Stop the radio, which will stop the dictators, which will stop War . . ."

THE MAN WHO CRIED "SILENCE!"

A fable of the future. Fondly imagined and respectfully related by

CYRIL JAMES

IN MARCH, 1937, there was assembled in Berlin a conference of the International Radio Union. Representatives of 100 nations gathered to talk about the future of radio and the future radio entertainment of 220,000,000 listeners.

Now there happened to be at this conference a man named John Ruggles. A likeable little man whose attendance at the conference, whose presence in Berlin even, has never been satisfactorily explained. He entered the scene of world affairs as a Little Man with a Suddenly Big Voice. When he quitted there was little more that could be said about him.

It was at an afternoon session, when a delegate from Uruguay was starting a long speech to the "Caballeros di mundo radiophonica . . ." that the man Ruggles made his first interruption.

"Bunkum and balderdash!" he suddenly shouted. And then—an exclamation that was destined to become historic—"Quiet, please—all of you!"

Delegates swivelled around in their chairs to see a small man, dressed in morning clothes, a tall, stiff collar, a queer little bow and a black bowler hat.

He clasped an umbrella in one hand and an attache case in the other.

Then he began a speech which the delegates were far too astonished to interrupt.

"You've been blathering on about the marvellous work radio is doing for world peace," he said. "Be honest and admit this is the biggest bit of bunkum the public's ever been asked to swallow. Face the facts, gentlemen!"

"I've often sat at home with my wife, Gladys, and tuned in the Continent. I like a little bit of homely Continental music. What do we hear?"

"Propaganda! Lies about Fascism, Communism or any other 'ism' that the other fellow believes in and you don't."

"This dictator bellows through

the 'mike' at that dictator.

"Kids are taught to hate the kids just across the frontier. And that's not all.

"If these politicians just went on spouting—with nothing happening—that wouldn't be so bad.

"But you think what happened to poor little Dollfuss. Hitler and Hitler's men villified him systematically on the air. Powerful transmitters flashed all that dope to Austria.

"The Austrians listened. Some of them staged a Nazi coup. The first place they seized was the radio station. Then Dollfuss was murdered.

"Gentlemen, the radio murdered Dollfuss. Just as it is murdering reputations every night—and spreading abroad lies that are an incitement to murder.

"And this stuff goes bang into millions of homes. We hear it at our firesides. We listen fascinated. Then slowly we begin to think there must be something in one side or the other. The poison gets to work. The seeds of war are sown.

"Don't dare tell me that you never realised any of this. The dictators do. Hitler fines or imprisons any German found listening to Communist programmes. The same fate awaits any Soviet citizen found listening to German propaganda.

"All over Europe scientists are trying to invent gadgets for howling down or jamming the other fellow's broadcasts.

"Never mind howling down the stations. Shut up the lot of them.

"I'm speaking for every little man in the world. We're fed up. We're disappointed in radio. We've been let down.

"So I say stop the radio. That silences the dictators. That removes the danger of war.

"And now," concluded the man Ruggles. "I suppose you will throw me out."

His supposition was correct: next moment three attendants removed him.

For a while the whole world laughed at John Ruggles.

Then amusement turned to downright anger.

John Ruggles was persecuted.

He received several thousand anonymous letters, was asked to resign his position as vice-president of a local bowls society.

A question was asked in the House of Commons, and the Attorney-General said he was considering what steps might be taken.

Mrs. Ruggles found herself a social outcast in her suburb.

Her daughter Maisie had a nervous breakdown following continued anonymous telephone calls. Ruggles's son-in-law, Julian, found his business declined to the point of extinction.

But the persecution died away, and in its place came a gradual conviction that John Ruggles had only been talking plain, common sense.

This gathered weight until Ruggles's neighbours who had previously hurled bricks at his bowler hat were now ready to crown its brim with a laurel wreath.

Ruggles's speech drew an immense response from the people, even in countries where they had almost forgotten how to think for themselves.

For this March afternoon was the start of a period we now know as the Era of Silence.

France was the first country to ban all broadcasting "as a measure of national safety." Slowly the other nations followed Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria.

All over Europe the giant transmitters were falling silent. The Era of Silence had begun.

But ten years passed before Dr.

Joseph Goebbels—after the Reichswehr had vainly tried to quell two riots in Berlin—closed down his beloved transmitters.

Even Russia!

Almost immediately after the Soviet Union Commissar for Radio made his last broadcast speech and announced that Russia, too, was going silent.

The truth was that the few surviving radio nations found it was futile to broadcast propaganda. Sets had been confiscated in other countries: there was nobody to listen.

So the studios were left to dust and decay.

There was silence on the ether—utter, complete, everlasting.

And John Ruggles had disappeared from the scene without waiting to claim the glory for thrusting the threat of war centuries away.

A modest man, Ruggles would surely dislike the statue erected in his honour.

It stands on the site formerly occupied by the League of Nations Building. The statue, boldly conceived and executed, shows Ruggles in the picturesque costume he wore at the Radio Conference.

The forward tilt of the bowler; the shyly-peeping collar stud; these are a reminder of the heroic days when glamour, adventure and romance still lingered in men's costumes.

The statue has been made in a new concrete composition. Ruggles's right hand is raised in a warning gesture.

And on a granite plinth these two words appear in letters of gold:

"QUIET, PLEASE!"

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cotton treated with rubber will rotate at a tremendous speed. It is this cotton which by friction will charge the metal spheres with electricity. The spheres will weigh over a ton and a half each, and each generator over five tons. The electricity charged in each pole will be under tension of five million volts and will be discharged continuously in the form of sparks.

And yet a man will work quietly and at ease inside each of the spheres whose surface will be subjected to the highest charge in the world. The apparatus for producing the spark will take little space inside the sphere and leave adequate room for the operator and his instruments.

A Mar Cantabrico Survivor



Juan Boo, the only sailor rescued from the Spanish freighter *Mar Cantabrico*, captured by a rebel warship with millions of dollars in planes and war materials aboard for the Spanish loyalists, is shown aboard the *Henri Camel* at Arcachon, France. Boo told reporters of a mutiny aboard the *Mar Cantabrico* shortly after she sailed from Vera Cruz, Mexico.



Ras Desta Demtu, son-in-law of the deposed Haile Selassie, and last of the great chieftains of Ethiopia, is shown in the custody of Italian troops. Crushed by his final defeat, Ras Desta pictured a few minutes before he was led before the firing squad.

NORTHWEST FRONTIER TWO KILLED IN R.A.F. CRASH: REINFORCEMENTS BEING SENT

London, To-day.

The recent trouble on the North-West Frontier flared up into front page news again yesterday when the evening papers published unconfirmed reports of further serious tension among the revolting tribesmen.

One report alleged that the present British forces on the Frontier are not strong enough to cope with the campaign which is expected to be initiated in a few days.

The Indian Army, adds the report, has therefore decided to reinforce the border troops with a further force of between 6,000 and 7,000 men, as well as additional Royal Air Force planes.

No confirmation of the report can be obtained in London.—Trans-Ocean.

R.A.F. PLANE CRASHES: TWO DEAD

New Delhi, To-day.

Considerable bodies of hostile tribesmen fired heavily at a scout's post at Espinwam on Sunday and Monday.

A civilian lorry bound for Razmak was attacked at Shinealgad but the raiders were repelled.

Some peaceful tribesmen return-

ing to Razmak were also fired upon by a Tori Khel gang in the same neighbourhood but successfully resisted the attack.

An R.A.F. plane crashed at Miranshah aerodrome. Pilot Officer J. B. Pascoe-Webb and his passenger, R. W. Gibb, being killed.—Reuter.

SOVIET-GERMAN APPEASEMENT

London Persists In Suggestion

London, To-day.

Rumours of a rapprochement between Germany and the Soviet are still appearing in the London newspapers.

Yesterday, the "Daily Telegraph" published a report stating that German diplomats were working behind the scenes for a better understanding between Berlin and Moscow.—Trans-Ocean.

Austrian Cabinetee Visiting Berlin

Berlin, To-day.

The Austrian Minister for Home Affairs will arrive in Berlin for a short visit at the end of this week, says the "Berliner Tagblatt".—Trans-Ocean.



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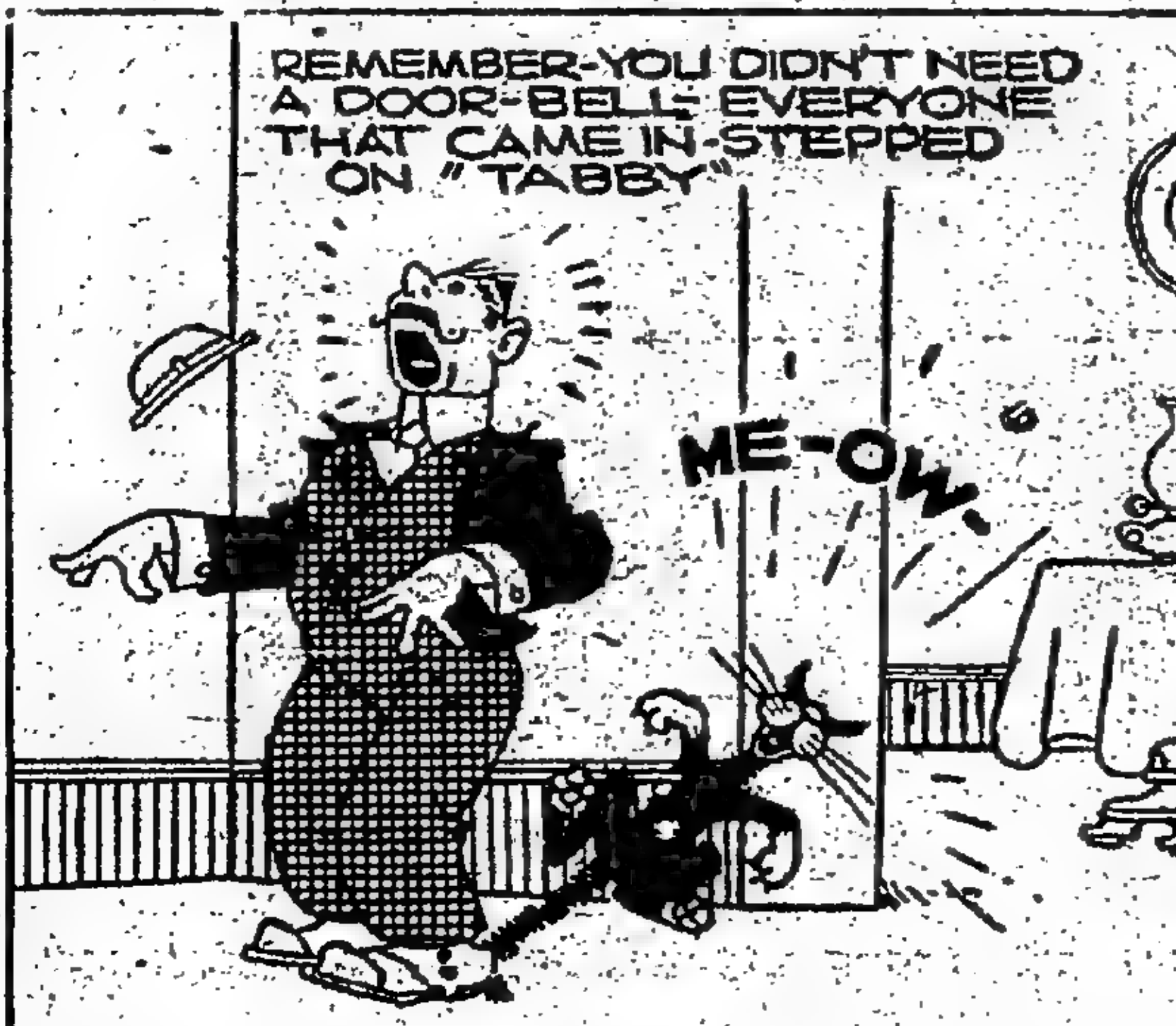
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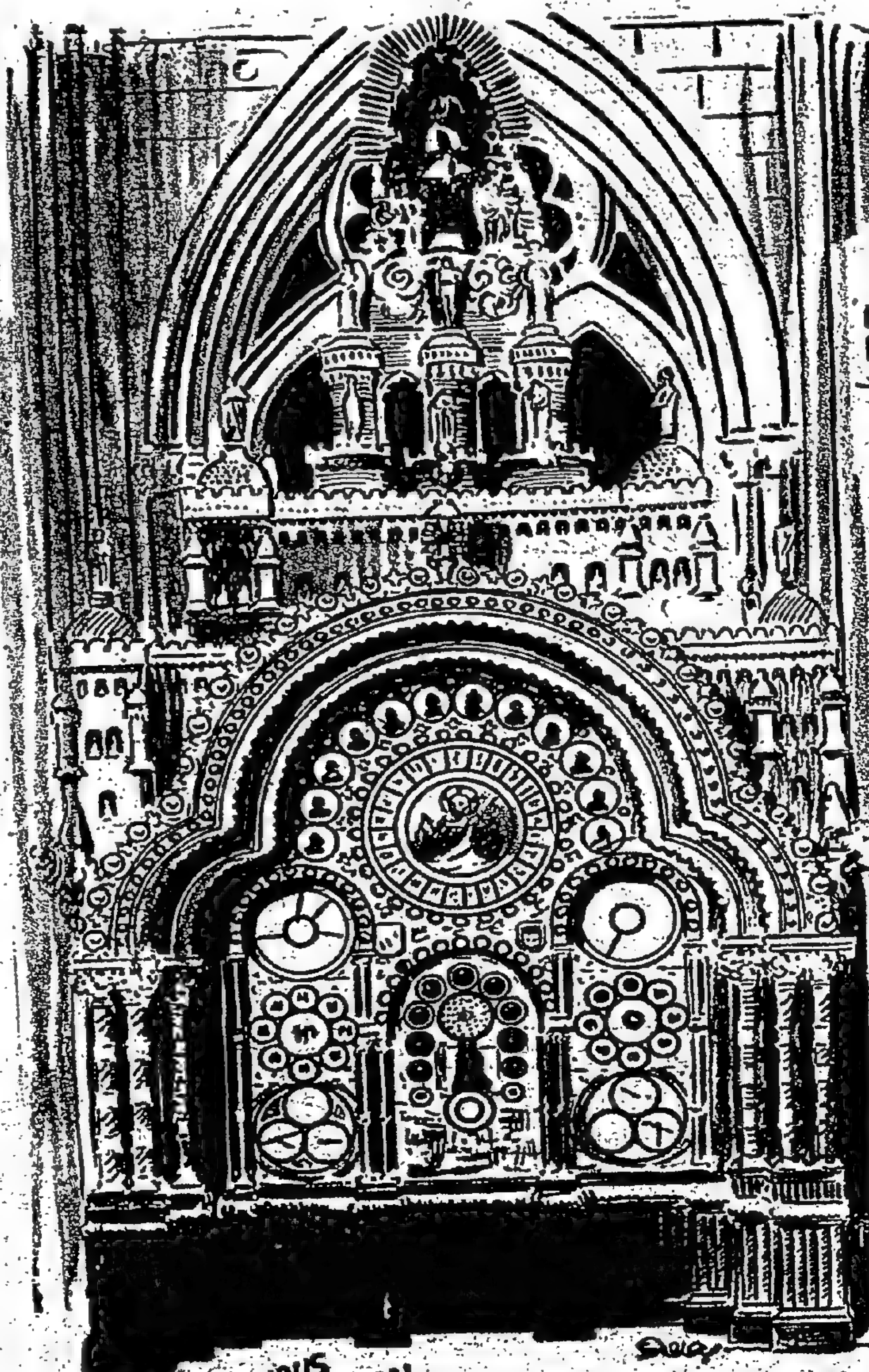


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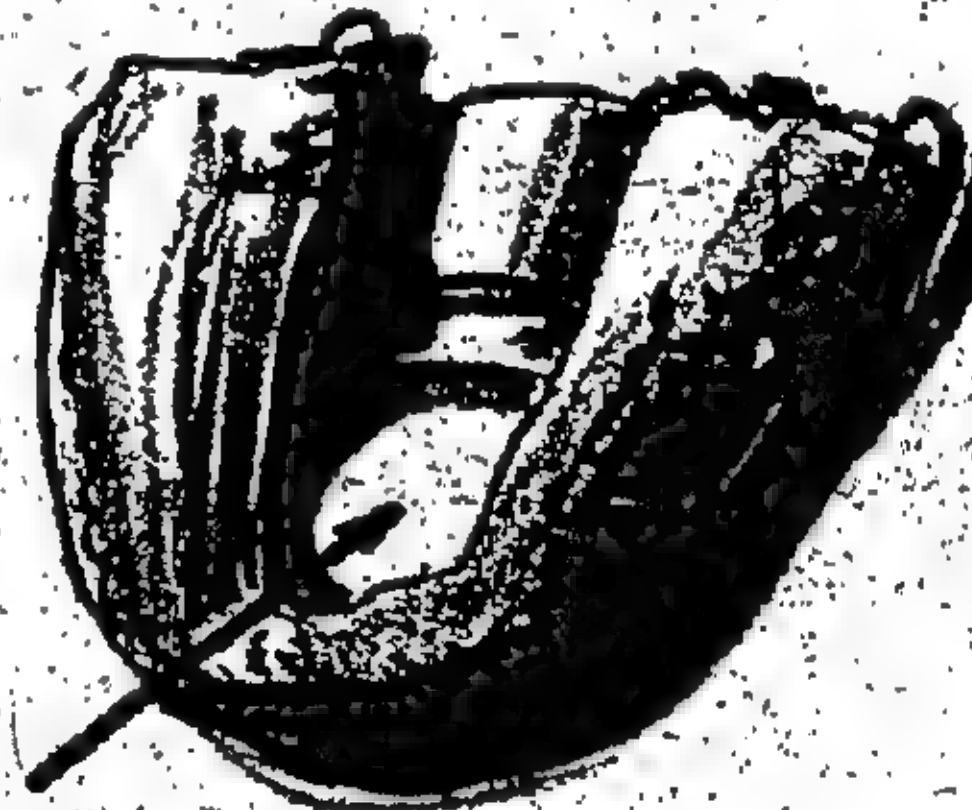
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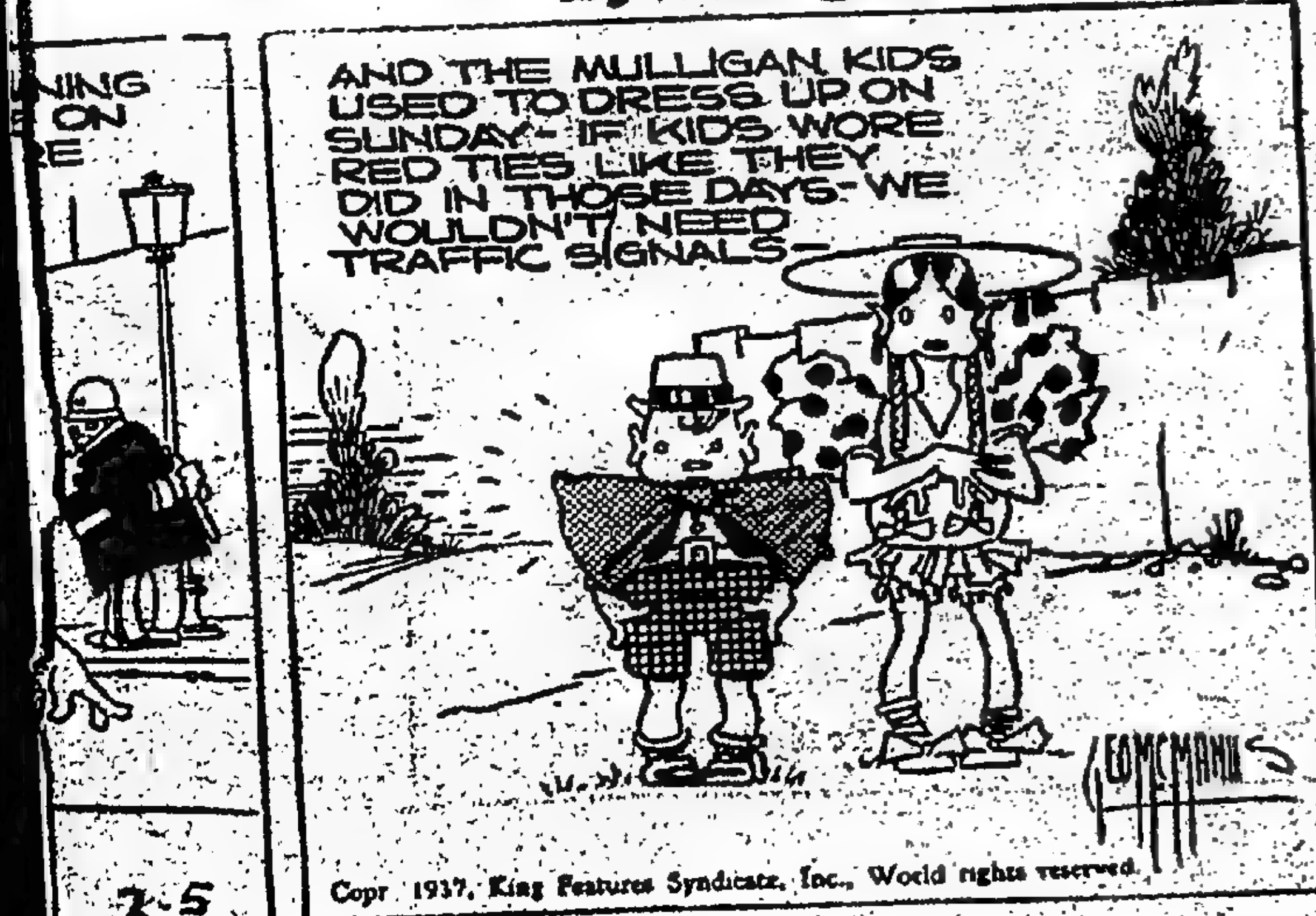


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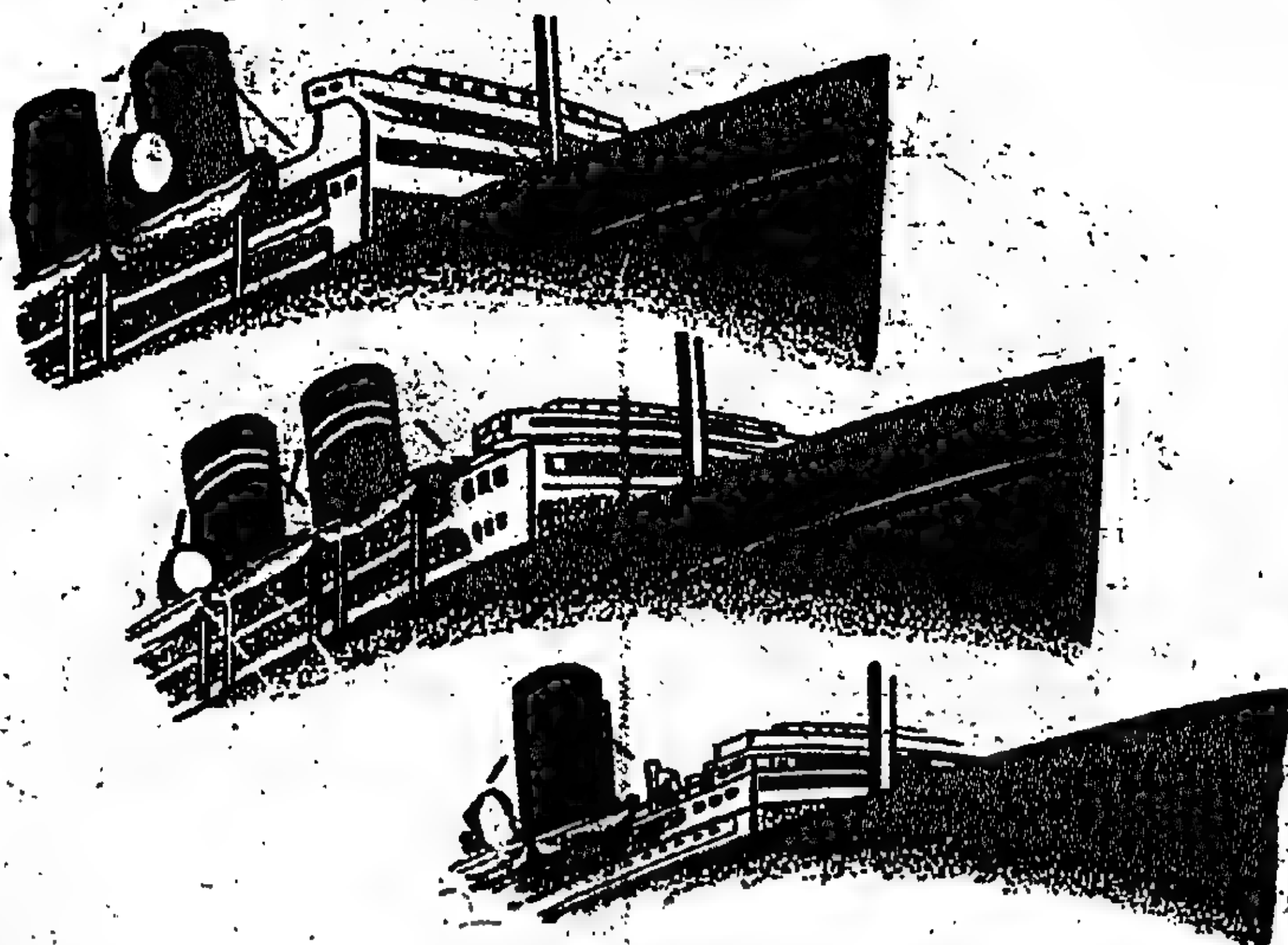
Along Fifth Avenue, New York, during the St. Patrick's Day parade, this little girl, Gloria Warren, who was the center of all devotion, bent to kiss Patrick Cardinal Hayes' ring. Bishop Hughes, at the Cardinal's right, smilingly watches her.

By George McManus



AND THE MULLIGAN KIDS USED TO DRESS UP ON SUNDAY—IF KIDS WORE RED TIES LIKE THEY DID IN THOSE DAYS—WE WOULDN'T NEED TRAFFIC SIGNALS

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*SOMALI	7,000	22nd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, A'werp and Hull.
RAWALPINDI..	17,000	29th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	12th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE..	6,000	19th June	Marseilles, Havre, L'don Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	28th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE ...	14,500	10th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

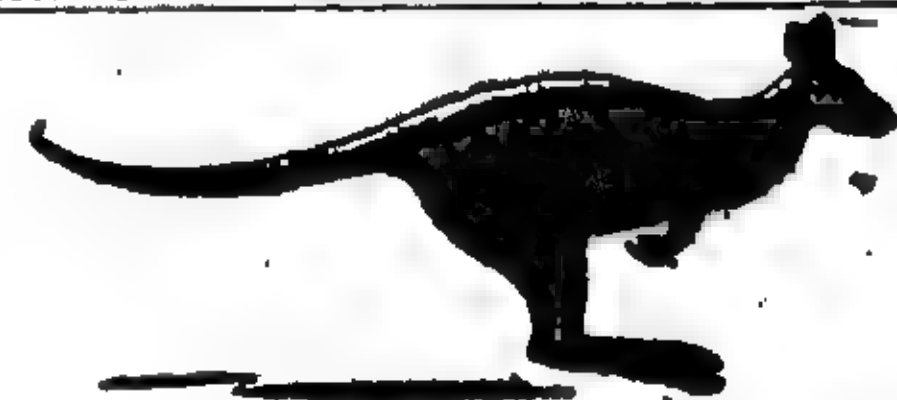
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TILAWA	10,000	15th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	16th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
*SOMALI	7,000	17th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
SANTHIA	8,000	29th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
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Straits	Dakar Maru	April 14.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	April 14.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	April 14.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 18th March and London Parcels—London date, 11th March	Ranpura	April 14.
Straits	Somali	April 14.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	April 14.
Shanghai, Foochow and Swatow	Suiyang	April 15.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
Wednesday		
Bangkok via Swatow	Chekiang	Wed., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.
Foochow	Kwangchow	Wed., Apr. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Wed., Apr. 14, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 14, 8.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Ranpura	Thurs., Apr. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Fukuken Maru	Thurs., Apr. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Friday		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., *Central and *South America, and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 4th May and *Europe via Siberia.	Empress of Japan	Fri., Apr. 16.
Letters for "Imperial Airways direct Service"—due London 25th April.	Parcels,	Thurs., Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
Letters for Australia by "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin 20th April	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 16, 9.15 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 27th April.	Letters,	Fri., Apr. 16, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Apr. 16.
Shanghai nad *Japan	K.P.O. & G.P.O.	
Manila, Bombay and *Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi, 7th May.	Reg.	Apr. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Japan and *San Francisco	Letters,	Apr. 16, 9.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco, 9th May)	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Apr. 16.
	K.P.O. and G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 16, 8.30 a.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 9.30 a.m.
	Changta	Fri., Apr. 16.
	Parcels,	Apr. 16, 9 a.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 16, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 10.30 a.m.
	Kwangtung	Fri., Apr. 16, 1 p.m.
	Jean Laborde	Fri., Apr. 16, 1.30 p.m.
	Conte Rosso	Fri., Apr. 16.
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 16, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 2.30 p.m.
	General Sherman	Fri., Apr. 16.
	Reg.	Apr. 16, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.

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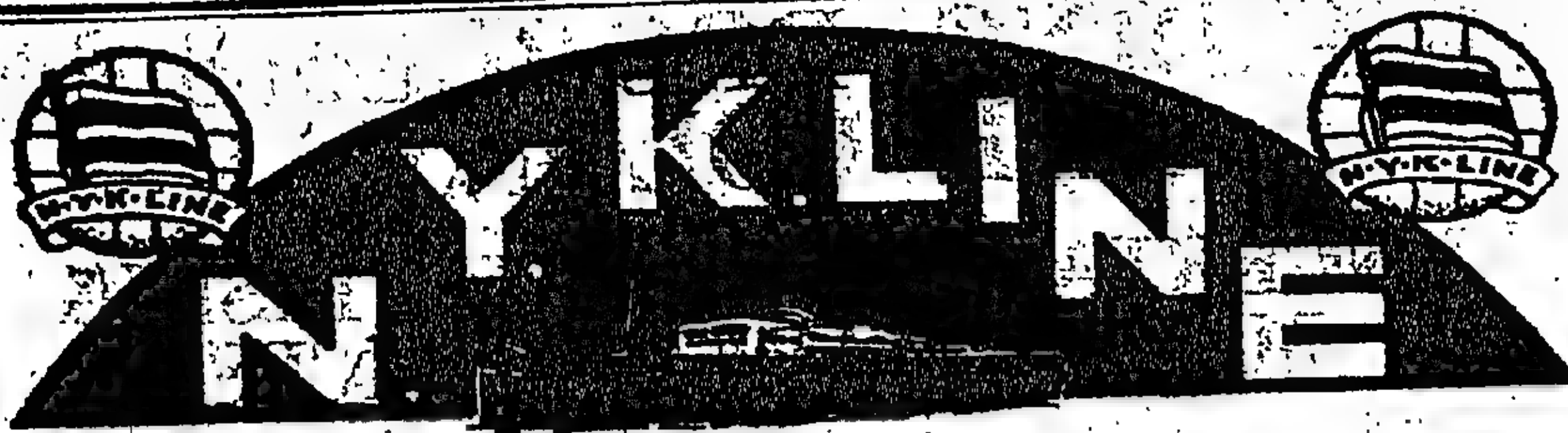
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SEATTLE & VANCOUVER (starts from Kobe)		
HEIAN MARU	Monday,	3rd May
NEW YORK via Panama		
NOSHIRO MARU	Saturday,	1st May
NAKO MARU	Thursday,	18th May
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
TATAGO MARU	Sunday,	25th Apr.
HEIYO MARU	Thursday,	18th May
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM		
HAKONE MARU	Saturday,	24th Apr.
SUWA MARU	Saturday,	8th May
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, and Marseilles.		
TOYOOKA MARU	Sunday,	16th May
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports		
KITANO MARU	Wednesday,	24th April
KAMO MARU	Saturday,	29th May
BOMBAY		
MAYEBASHI MARU	Wednesday,	28th Apr.
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Friday,	30th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon		
TSUSHIMA MARU	Sunday,	25th April
NAGATO MARU	Thursday,	6th May
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA		
HAKOZAKI MARU	Friday,	23rd Apr.
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	Rio De Janeiro Maru	Tues.	18th May
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARRESSALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo.	Manila Maru	Thurs.	6th May
	Africa Maru	Tues.	1st June
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.	Mantai Maru	Tues.	20th Apr.
	London Maru	Tues.	4th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon. JAPAN via Takao and Keelung.	Hamburg Maru	Wed.	21st Apr.
	Hague Maru	Sun.	2nd May
JAPAN PORTS via Dairen.	Bandoeng Maru	Sun.	16th May
	Melbourne Maru	Thurs.	22nd Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow and Amoy.	Havana Maru	Thurs.	22nd Apr.
	Canton Maru	Sun.	18th Apr.
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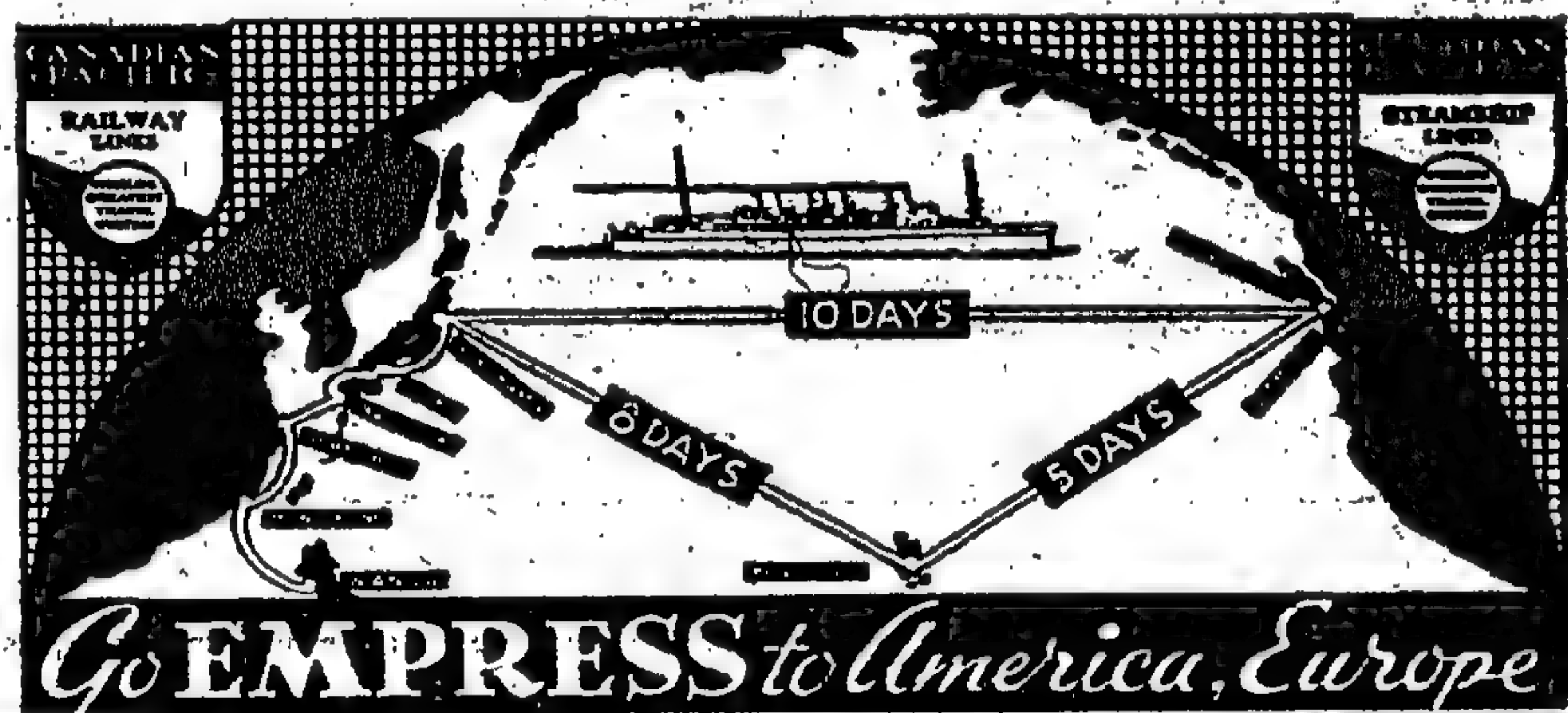
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Pres. Hoover	Noon	May 1	Pres. Grant	Midnight	May 21
Pres. Lincoln	8.00 a.m.	May 19	Pres. Jackson	Midnight	June 4
Pres. Coolidge	Noon	June 3	Pres. Jefferson	Midnight	June 18
Pres. Wilson	9.00 a.m.	June 16	Pres. McKinley	Midnight	July 2

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Pres. Van Buren	8.00 a.m.	May 23	Pres. Hoover	9.00 p.m.	Apr. 23
Pres. Garfield	8.00 a.m.	June 6	Pres. Polk	8.00 p.m.	Apr. 25
Pres. Hayes	8.00 a.m.	June 20	Pres. McKinley	6.00 p.m.	May 1
Pres. Monroe	8.00 a.m.	July 4	Pres. Pierce	Midnight	May 8

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Asia	April 30	May 2	May 4	May 6	May 8		May 17
Canada	May 14	May 16		May 19	May 21	May 28	June 2
Russia	May 28	May 30	June 1	June 3	June 5	June 12	June 18
Japan	June 11	June 13		June 16	June 18	June 24	June 29
Asia	June 25	June 27	June 29	July 1	July 3		July 12
Canada	July 9	July 11		July 14	July 16	July 23	July 28
Russia	July 23	July 25	July 27	July 29	July 31		Aug. 9
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BUILDING PROBLEMS IN THE COLONY

UNCERTAINTY DUE TO RISING METAL MARKET PRICES

The business of building contracting in the peculiar conditions now appertaining to this Colony—a famine in steel and metals and rising prices—are fraught with dangers which can easily resolve themselves into hazardous risks, said Mr. J. P. Braga, presiding this morning at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited.

The chairman said:—Your Directors regret that it has not been possible to present you with an account that might have been accompanied by the pleasing announcement of a dividend at the conclusion of this meeting. Satisfaction may, however, be derived from the fact that the operating expenses of your undertaking were kept within its earnings. It is when the various appropriations and what we consider to be advisable depreciations have been made that the showing is one of the adverse balance of \$11,223.84. Dividends unclaimed for more than five years, amounting to \$1,041.30, have been forfeited. A Reserve item of \$13,175.12 has been transferred to Profit & Loss Account, and does not now appear in the Balance Sheet. This transfer has been utilized to augment the amount appropriated for depreciations, and in this respect the Board has had the benefit of the technical advice of the Company's auditors in the manner of the presentation of the Accounts under consideration.

MONOTONOUS REGULARITY

Much as the Board would have liked to be able to address you to-day in a different keynote from the refrain of a somewhat monotonous regularity in recent years, it is matter for sincere regret that the Directors have again to remark on the keenness of competition which we have had to face and tried to overcome during the period under review. For this reason you could not have failed to notice, I think, that the ordinary Directors have reduced their fees by half the amount they are entitled to, thus lightening expenditure by a sum of \$4,000.

In one particular branch of the manufacturing business, which had been fairly remunerative in the past, the Board did its best to secure a contract for the current year's supply on a basis of profit that, we thought, might have proved unobtainable. In this connection we have to admit disillusionment, however. Much to our regret, our tender was not accepted.

CONTRACT ANXIETIES

Several invitations to tender for substantial constructional contracts have been received by the Company during the year. Tempting as the invitations appeared to be, they needed very careful consideration, and in the end it was with some reluctance that the Board came to the conclusion "to leave well alone". In the light of subsequent events, the decision was one on which we may now congratulate ourselves; for the sudden world-wide demand for fabricated steel, round steel bars and metal manufactures generally has led to a paucity of supply amounting almost to a famine in this part of the world. No relief from this acute situation is apparent at the moment. Moreover, the uncertainty of deliveries when it was possible to book earlier orders, and the constant rapid rise of prices, would have rendered the fulfilment of explicit obligations under any large contract a matter of serious anxiety, not to mention unanticipated losses, which ordinary foresight could not possibly have provided against. Little short of a prophecy, the prevailing conditions are such as to make "confusion worse confounded". It is not difficult to realise, therefore, that the business of contracting in the peculiar conditions now appertaining to this Colony are fraught with unforeseeable dangers which can easily resolve themselves into hazardous risks which a cautious policy must refuse to take.

LAND SCHEME WISDOM

These remarks lead me to refer to the wisdom of the shareholders when, at an extraordinary general meeting on 31st August, 1931, you decided to

embark on a scheme of land purchase, development and house construction to which it becomes a pleasant duty for me to turn to-day on behalf of the Board. It gives me very great pleasure to inform you that the site formation of your valuable Estate within K. I. L. 2057 was practically completed at the end of last year, except for a portion of face cutting on a site which had been designed for the erection of storage tanks for non-potable water for domestic purposes. This was before permission was obtainable for drawing water from the Government mains for the water-carriage system forming part of the complete scheme. Meanwhile, three houses and a bungalow have been completed for the Company, and all are occupied. Another has been constructed for a private owner. A block of six semi-detached houses will be finished, we hope, before the end of May this year. Piling for foundations for a detached house of the larger type has been done, and buildings of the walls forthwith proceeded with. Plans for more houses of the detached and semi-detached types are under preparation, also completed drawings with detailed plans for another bungalow—a type of building which finds so much favour with potential tenants.

S. W. PORTION OF ESTATE

There are as yet no buildings on the southwestern portion of the Estate. This stage of development has to await the provision of such essential services as water and drainage. When this has been supplied, attention will be devoted to that part of your property to make it revenue earning.

Your Directors feel that in your land development and building scheme you are operating on safer ground. While results may not appear spectacular, we have no hesitation in stating that your present undertaking is providing the residential area of Kowloon with several types of buildings which form a real and valuable asset of your Company, while they offer to its patrons housing accommodation pleasing in aesthetic exterior and meeting the most exacting requirements in interior layout, with modern appliances like electric water-heaters and refrigerators, which are such indispensable conveniences of up-to-date homes.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS

Judging by the number of inquiries constantly reaching us, the prospect is definitely encouraging that there will be eager tenants for the additional houses the Company is about to build as soon as occupation permits for them are issued by the Building Authority.

The ungrudging co-operation of the members of the staff so cheerfully given at all times must be matter of favourable comment and grateful recognition.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, and Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded. Carried unanimously.

Messrs. M. H. Lo and J. Scott Harston were re-elected to the Board of Directors and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

Those present were:—Mr. J. P. Braga (Chairman), Mr. J. Scott Harston, Sir Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. T. F. Lo (Directors), Mr. B. Alves (Secretary), Mr. H. Braga (Manager) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. H. R. Sequeira, S. C. Sun, E. Sahmet and A. M. Braga.

Queen of the Snir, which twice won the Greyhound Oaks, was recaptured after running wild for two months following her escape at Waltham Abbey, Essex.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS
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H. K. Tramways \$15 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$4¼ b.
Peak Trams (New) \$1.10 b.
Star Ferries \$87 s.
H. K. Electric \$60 sa.

Sandakan Lights \$11¼ b.
Telephones (New) \$12¼ b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$15.30 s.
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Atoks	.27	
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Balatoc Mining	.13	
Benguet Consol.	.11½	19.40
Benguet Explor.	.08	
Big Wedge	.19	
Coco Grove	.52	
Consolidated Mines	.028	
Demonstrations	.69	1.24½/25
E. Mindanao	.23½	
Gumaus G'field	.12½	
Ipo Gold	.22	
I. X. L.	.73	
Itogons	1.05	1.90
Masbate Consol.	.30	
Min. Resources	.25	
Northern Mining	.09	
Paracale Gumaus	.50	
Salacot Mining	.04½	
San Mauricio	1.75	3.21
Suyoc Consol.	.36	
United Paracales	.82	1.10

LOCAL DOLLAR**London Silver Prices**

The dollar opened on demand yesterday at 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 21¼ and "forward," at 21¼.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.9065 and the New York on London cross-rate at 4.90-13/16.

TREASURY FIGURES
Revenue Up, Spending Down

London, To-day.
Exchequer returns for the first ten days of the new financial year show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £21,670,823, compared with £18,522,089 at the corresponding date last year.

Total ordinary expenditure is £32,530,347, compared with £34,992,014 at the corresponding date of 1936.—British Wireless.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

	Buyers	
Spot	39¼	Down ¼
May/June	39¼	do ¼
July/September	39¼	do ¾
October/December	39¼	do ¾
Market:	Nominal.	

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WILLY HUNG VERY DISAPPOINTING

SINGAPORE RUGBY TEAM SWAMPED

POOR DEFENCE BY BACKS

ASQUITH MAKES FINE DEBUT

A very poor defence again played a major part in the defeat of the Singapore Army Rugby fifteen, who were overwhelmed on the Sookunpoo ground yesterday evening by the Combined Services' fifteen by four goals and seven tries (41 points) to nil, the local team crossing the visitors' line five times in the opening half!

It was evident after the first fifteen minutes play that the Singapore side would finish up on the losing end, their backs refusing to tackle and allowing the Combined Services' backs to cut through the centre at will.

Asquith, a newcomer to local Rugby, made an auspicious debut scoring three tries, one of which was converted. Very fast off the mark, and with a deceiving swerve and deadly hand-off, he proved much too good for the opposition backs, while Floyd and Harvey lent their support.

POOR BACKING UP

Where the Singapore team disappointed was in the poor backing up by the forwards in the loose, and both Miller and Barnaby were often seen to break through the Colony pack only to fail through lack of support.

Evans, in the visitors' full-back position, was again very sound in his defence and kicking, while Burgess was the pick of the three-quarters line, although Crawford came in for his share of the limelight with some hard tackling, although these were mostly a fraction late to prevent tries. The passing of the visitors' backs was very weak, and Tobin was again greatly at fault in poor handling and pathetic passing.

PREECE SHINES

Barry was very safe in the Combined Services' full-back division, while the entire three-quarter line was excellent, although Floyd's long passes were to be deplored at times. Preece was very good at the base of the scrum, and much too fast for Rundall, while all the pack were very good, Harrison, Chaney, Jones and Lincolns being outstanding.

In the first half the Combined Services scored tries through Preece, L/Cpl. Jones, Harvey, Lincoln and Asquith, Gillespie adding the goal-points from one of them, while in the second half further tries were scored by Asquith (3), Harvey, Preece, Floyd and Casement, S. B. A. Jones, Preece and Gillespie converting three of them.

H.K. Combined Services:—Fus. Barry (R.W.F.); L/Cpl. (47) Jones (R.W.F.); Lt. Asquith (R.N.); Lt. Harvey (R.N.) and Fus. Wilkins (R.W.F.); Fus. Floyd (R.W.F.) and Fus. Preece (R.W.F.); Lt. Lincoln (R.U.R.); S. B. A. Jones (R. Navy); L/Cpl. Bebb (R.W.F.); Lt. Coltart, R.N.; Capt. Gillespie (R.E.); Lt. Hawkins, R.N.; L/Cpl. Harrison (R.E.) and Lt. Casement, R.N.
Singapore Command:—Spr. Evans (R.E.); Lt. J. A. Crawford (R.E.); Lt. P. A. Tobin (R.E.); Spr. Hollands (R.E.); and Spr. Burgess (R.E.); Lt. Rundall (R.A.); Gnr. Jeffries (R.A.); Gnr. Barnaby (R.A.); Spr. Hicks (R.E.); Lt. S. D. Calvert (R.E.); Lt. A.

DROP SET AGAINST SHUTES

FATHER'S AMAZING COLLAPSE

FINCHER VERY STEADY

(By "ADREM")

E. C. FINCHER and **W. C. Hung**, at one period of their match yesterday with the Shutes, in the Quarter-Final of the Colony Doubles Tennis championship, were made to look very inferior and on their showing in the first set, which they lost 6—8, they were a long way below the form which many think will this year, win them the title.

AFTER WINNING THE FIRST SET, THE SHUTES COLLAPSED IN AN AMAZING MANNER AND LOST THE NEXT TEN GAMES IN A ROW TO GIVE THE OPPOSITION A 4—0 LEAD IN THE FINAL SET. KENNETH SHUTE THEN WON HIS SERVICE, ONLY FOR FINCHER AND HUNG TO TAKE THE NEXT TWO GAMES FOR THE SET AND MATCH.

During that amazing first set, the best player on the court was young Shute. He played an inspired game featured by powerful forehand driving and singularly lacking in those lobs one has become accustomed to seeing him play. His father revealed his old propensity for "poaching" and ruined several shots which would have been simple for his son, by dashing across and taking them off the latter's racket.

He scored time and again with his sizzling drives, invariably shrewdly placed, and he discounted many efforts on the part of his opponents to volley, by dropping them short and forcing defensive half-volley returns.

The Shutes adopted the right tactics and maintained a constant pressure on Hung, who was in dreadful form. His forehand "poke" never looked safe and he made numerous errors on this wing. His volleying was apt to crack up badly, but his overhead and service was generally fairly reliable.

FINCHER ON FORM

Fincher, in the initial part of the game was a mere spectator. When the ball did come his way, however, he was not found wanting, and never played a thoughtless stroke.

I found some difficulty in analysing the Shutes' collapse in the second and third sets. In winning the first set, they appeared to have full command of their game, and their accurate driving and lobbing enabled them for most of the time, to dictate terms. In fact, it was most unusual to see the forceful K. C. C. combination in mid-court, returning defensive volleys from the fierce stream of drives which were coming from the other side of the net.

And yet that anti-climax!

THE ANSWER

Probably the whole answer lay in the fact that the winners finally found their touch, I should say that Hung found his, Fincher was at all times very steady—as a result, a general all-round speeding up of their game left father and son floundering. I will say this, though, Kenneth Shute was practically carrying his father, who went completely to pieces in the final set.

The Shutes are leaving for home on May 15. During their stay

N. Clarke (R.E.), Gnr. Coventry (R.A.); Spr. Stiff (R.E.), Gnr. Cheshire (R.A.) and Gnr. Miller (R.A.).



here, they have been prominent in many phases of local sport. When the twins first entered the tournaments—the youngest players ever to have done so—their appearances in shorts and school-caps, created quite a deal of amusement. Nowadays, they rank among the prominent entrants, and the feat of the father and son in entering the quarter-finals of the doubles, brings their local tennis careers to a fitting climax.

As expected, Frank Kwok, playing on the top of his form, had little difficulty in disposing of Y. C. Lau and now qualifies to meet H. D. Rumjahn in the quarter-final.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Singles
F. H. Kwok beat Y. C. Lau 6—0, 6—3.
Open Doubles
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat E. L. H. Shute and K. Shute 6—8, 6—0, 6—1; Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun received a walk-over from A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva.

Club Handicap Doubles
A. C. I. Bowker and R. K. Valentine beat J. Rodger and G. S. Rodger 6—4, 3—6, 6—4.

Club Mixed Doubles
V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Mackie beat Major and Mrs. R. L. Withington 6—3, 2—6, 6—3.

PONY CLASSIFICATIONS

The following alterations in the Classification of race ponies has been made by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

China Ponies.—Bright View to C class, Morning Tip to D class.

The Hong Kong Rifle Association announces that there will be no mid-week Spoon and Practice Shoot this (Wednesday) afternoon.

GOOD DOUBLES ENCOUNTER THIS AFTERNOON

Veterans May Beat Recreio Pair

ONE STAND COURT CLASH

(By "ADREM")

Although the match between Leong Ping-chiu and H. D. Rumjahn in the Singles Championship, occupies the Stand Court, a far more interesting game should be the A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios — Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung Doubles encounter on an outside court.

When Ng and his partner announced their intention of competing this year, none took their chances very seriously. They have given such convincing displays in their preliminary games, however, that in many quarters they are conceded quite a useful chance of beating the redoubtable Recreio pair.

This view is rather an optimistic one, but I would like to see them give a good showing as it emphasises in no uncertain manner the extremely poor standard of tennis that has been evident throughout the tournament this year.

STIFFER OBSTACLE

Although Leong Ping-chiu defeated Lee Wai-tong in his previous match in straight sets, he is certain to find H. D. Rumjahn a far stiffer proposition. Whereas Lee, at no stage of the proceedings, could produce anything approaching a winning stroke, Rumjahn has a good service, is powerful off the ground, and, on the volley and overhead, has probably no peer in the Colony.

If Leong Ping-chiu's defence can stand up to Rumjahn, I shall be very surprised. I expect the Indian to enter the semi-final Round in straight sets.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Open Singles Championship
Leong Ping-chiu v H. D. Rumjahn or L. J. Howard (Stand Court)
Open Doubles Championship
A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung.
Club Singles Championship
F. V. Harrison v G. E. R. Divett
J. Thomson v R. L. Withington or A. L. Sullivan
Club Handicap Singles
M. Pagh (—30) or F. A. Joseph (—26) v G. Smith (—36)
A. K. Mackenzie (—16) v G. Polglase (—16) or H. Owen-Hughes (—15).

WONG MEI SHUN SUSPENDED

Receives Light Sentence

At a meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association, held last night, Wong Mei-shun, the South China "A" centre-half, who was sent off the field during the First Division game against the Navy, was suspended till the end of the year.

Three other cases were considered and Kwok Ying-sang (South China) and W. Maher (Recreio) were suspended till the end of the season, and P. Castro (St. Joseph's) till December 1, 1937.

"ADREM" REVIEWS LEAGUE CRICKET

K.C.C. JUNIORS AND POLICE

Brilliant Bowling By Baker And Pope

CLARKE'S STUMPING BAXTER "FIND" OF SEASON

THE following is the second of a series of articles reviewing the League records of both First and Second Division cricket clubs. The two leading teams in the Senior Division have already been dealt with, and the figures for the two leading Junior Division clubs are appended. In future articles, I intend to deal with one club from each division in the order in which they stand at the conclusion of their fixtures.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB, WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR SHIELD, COMPLETED THEIR LEAGUE PROGRAMME WITH A TOTAL OF 29 POINTS AS A RESULT OF NINE WINS, AND TWO DRAWS IN ELEVEN GAMES. THEY THUS MAINTAINED AN UNBEATEN RECORD, BEING THE ONLY TEAM IN THE DIVISION TO HAVE DONE SO.

At no time during the season were the whole team dismissed, and their highest total was compiled against the Indian R.C., the champions for the previous season, when the huge score of 184 for the loss of only two wickets was registered. The chief feature of this match was the first wicket stand between K. M. Baxter and W. Mulcahy whose individual scores were 97 and 69. Army "B"'s total of 180, represents the biggest score made against them.

The "find" of the season was undoubtedly young Kenneth Baxter, who in his first year out of school, showed remarkable consistency to top the batting averages, which, incidentally are very high. Four batsmen return averages of over 30, three of over twenty, while Mulcahy's figures are 19.90.

S. A. Gray heads the bowlers, but the brunt of the work has been borne by W. L. McKenzie, W. C. Hung and P. O'N. Dunne. Hung, although only playing in four matches, bowled 64 overs, while

Dunne in six games bowled 76.3.

STRENGTHENED
The team was strengthened towards the latter part of the season by the inclusion of such players as F. I. Zimmermann, W. C. Hung, T. A. Madar and G. C. Burnett, three of whom are ex-interceptors. Dunne who returned to Singapore, missed the last three games.

The match against "The Rest" was abandoned owing to rain, after the Champions had been dismissed on a sodden wicket for 78, scored in something like three hours. Baxter carried his bat for 37, and again proved the mainstay of the batting. Complete statistics follow:—

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Kowloon C.C.	153 (8 wks.)	drew with Army "A"	135 (6 wks.)
134 (2 ")	beat University	128 (8 wks.)	
184 (2 ")	beat Indian R.C.	174 (9 wks.)	
107 (8 ")	beat Navy	103	
109 (6 ")	drew with Army "B"	180	
123 (8 ")	beat Army "C"	100	
87 (3 ")	beat Civil Service	86	
147 (8 ")	beat Craigengower C.C.	86	
158 (4 ")	beat Hong Kong C.C.	113	
159 (3 ")	beat Club de Recreio	53	
101 (3 ")	beat Police R.C.	95	

SUMMARY

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
11	9	0	2	29

BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Aggr.	Avg.
K. M. Baxter	11	3	97	414	51.75
W. C. Hung	4	1	68	111	37.00
R. Baldwin	6	2	50*	143	35.75
S. A. Gray	5	3	55*	64	32.00
P. O'N. Dunne	6	1	60	134	26.8*
T. A. Madar	2	0	44	45	22.50
G. A. V. Hall	3	0	29	64	21.33
W. Mulcahy	10	0	69	199	19.90
R. T. Broadbridge	6	1	28	58	11.60
F. I. Zimmermann	5	0	23	47	9.40
W. L. McKenzie	6	1	28	58	8.67

The following also batted: C. B. R. Sargent (5 and 16 not out) G. Lee (4 and 13 not out), R. A. Harding (1 not out), A. A. Dand (4) and G. C. Burnett (8).

The following held catches during the League season; R. Baldwin (6), G. A. V. Hall (5), R. T. Broadbridge (5), W. L. McKenzie (3), W. Mulcahy (3), P. O'N. Dunne (3), K. M. Baxter (3), A. A. Dand (2), S. A. Gray (2), C. B. R. Sargent (2), R. A. Harding, F. I. Zimmermann, W. C. Hung, T. A. Madar, G. C. Burnett and T. W. Carr.

117 extras were conceded in the 11 games played.

ROWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
S. A. Gray	8	1	29	5	5.80
F. I. Zimmermann	7.3	0	40	6	6.66
W. L. McKenzie	65	8	203	23	8.82
W. C. Hung	64	21	161	17	9.47
G. C. Burnett	35.4	6	90	8	11.25
P. O'N. Dunne	76.3	10	245	20	12.25
G. Lee	7	3	17	1	17.00
K. M. Baxter	45.4	4	203	11	18.46
C. B. R. Sargent	21	1	83	2	41.50

R. Baldwin (3—0—12—0) also bowled.

Police XI Improve

The most improved team of the year, the Police, who finished runners-up to the Kowloon C.C., have accomplished a great deal, with comparatively little talent. Were it not for the fact that the champions had assembled an array of talent that would have done credit to half of the teams meeting with a fair amount of success in the senior division, the Custodians of the Law would very probably have created local cricket history by winning the Junior Shield for the first time since the Club have played cricket.

Led by Tom Hunter, the Police were about the most enthusiastic side in the Colony and this, in my opinion, has been the secret of their success. Starting their season early, they were constantly engaged in friendly games and have earned for themselves the reputation of being excellent hosts.

FAST SCORING SIDE

In the course of the League, they won eight games, drew with Army "A" and lost to both the K.C.C. and the H.K.C.C. They have a remarkably fast-scoring batting side—albeit rather inconsistent indi-

dually—and have some fine scores to their credit, among them being, 187 for 6, against Army "B", 195 for 8, against Recreio, and 204 for 6, against I.R.C.

The most consistent batsman was J. L. Stephens, who amassed 229 runs for an average of 22.90, although W. L. Clarke, assisted by four not outs, heads the averages. Nearly every man in the team came off with the bat at some time or other, as a result figures are generally about the same level, eight batsmen recording double-figure averages.

BRILLIANT ATTACK

The attack has been the chief reason for their prominent position in the league table. In B. G. Baker and C. W. Pope, they have the finest opening bowlers in the Second Division, and it was only on very rare occasions that it was found necessary to make changes.

Baker captured no fewer than 46 wickets in the eleven matches at a cost of 8.44 per wicket, while Pope, returned an average of 11.69 for his 32 victims.

W. L. Clarke, behind the sticks, had a grand season, six catches and eight stumpings being credited to him. A fine sporting side, better luck to them next year.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

The following is the record of league matches:—

Police R.C.	187 (6 wks.)	beat Army "B"	179 (5 wks.)
52 lost to Hong Kong C.C.	133 (9 wks.)		
195 (8 wks.)	beat Club de Recreio	85	
137	beat Army "C"	52	
140 (7 wks.)	beat Navy	134	
147 (2 ")	beat University	34	
91 (6 ")	drew with Army "A"	176 (8 wks.)	
204 (6 ")	beat Indian R.C.	139	
137	beat Craigengower C.C.	89	
95 lost to Kowloon C.C.	101 (3 wks.)		
95 (6 wks.)	beat Civil Service	70	

SUMMARY

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
11	8	2	1	25

BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Aggr.	Avg.
W. L. Clarke	10	4	54	154	25.67
J. L. Stephens	11	1	58	229	22.90
T. Loughlin	10	2	45*	174	21.75
B. G. Baker	9	2	29*	133	19.00
A. E. Carey	11	0	50	207	18.82
H. Danbrowski	9	3	47*	111	18.50
C. Pope	10	0	45	144	14.40
T. R. Hunter	11	0	32	135	12.27
G. Carruthers	5	1	13	36	9.00
A. Kirby	6	1	4*	10	2.00

The following also batted:—J. Orem (0, 0.); J. A. Forrest (4 not out); L. Oakley (15, 10 not out).

67 extras were conceded in the 11 games played.
*Indicates not out.

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M. Campbell, above, the Colony and Rifles' pivot, will be making his last appearance in local football this afternoon against the Fusiliers.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

FUSILIERS MEET RIFLES

RESULTS WILL BE IMPORTANT

The touch-lines of the Prince Edward Road ground will be lined with supporters of the two regiments stationed at Shamshuiipo when the Royal Welch Fusiliers, runners-up in the Senior Shield competition, encounter the Royal Ulster Rifles, at present the best placed team for the First Division championship.

At their last meeting these teams shared the points in a goalless draw, and as both teams have been showing good form recently another thrilling encounter should be witnessed. The Rifles will have the assistance of Campbell, their pivot for the last time, as he leaves for the United Kingdom on Friday, so that they will still have the advantage of their complete team, and in view of the importance of the game to them, will make every endeavour to win.

Ferguson, on the left-wing, and Moore, in the centre-forward berth, are at present their most dangerous forwards, and Erwin, on form, is not to be underrated.

TAYLOR BACK AGAIN

The Fusiliers will be fielding the same team which lost to South China on Saturday. The return of Taylor, after his recent injury, should strengthen the intermediate line, while Grindley will be in the left-half position.

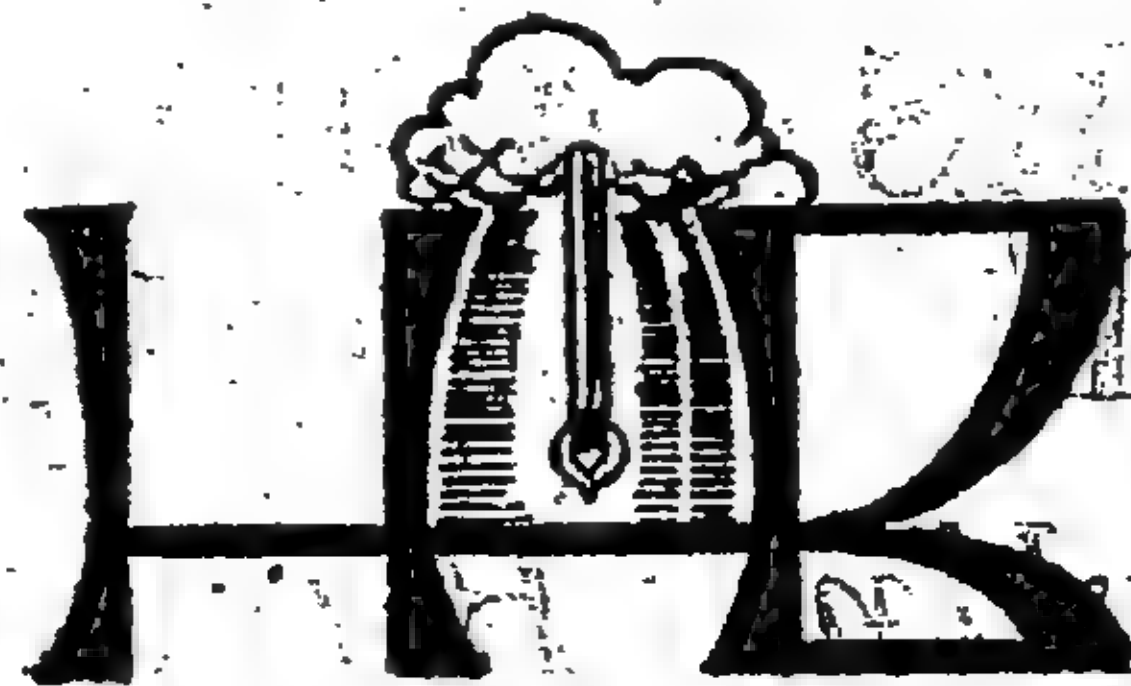
Evans will be in his original position, at inside-right, where he will partner Coakley, and these two should give McGonnigal plenty to do.

Three other senior games have been arranged but none of the teams concerned have any interest in the League honours.

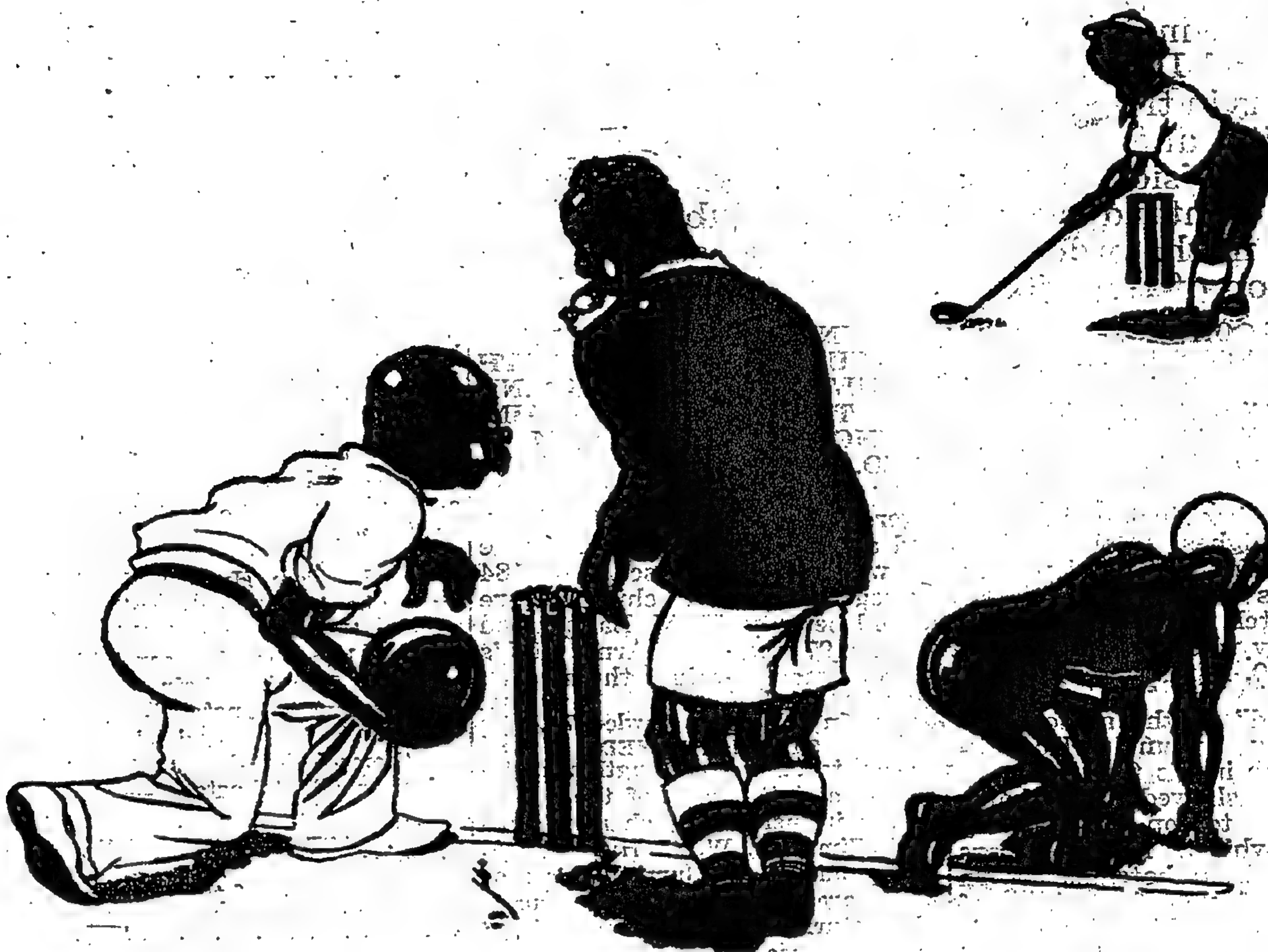
The Seaforths and Recreio game, however, should be worth watching if the Portuguese field their best team. The return of Hagen to the Saints' forward line, should strengthen their attack, but it is doubtful whether they will be Kowloon in spite of their improved form shown recently.

The following are to-day's fixtures:

TO-DAY	
First Division	
Kowloon	v St. Joseph's
Club	(Kowloon, 5.15 p.m.)
Seaforths	v Kowloon Chinese
Rifles	(Club, 5.15 p.m.)
	v Recreio
	(Sookunpoo, 5.15 p.m.)
	v Fusiliers



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SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPION BEATEN

Johannesburg, March 16.—N. G. Farquharson, the South African champion, was unexpectedly beaten in the fourth round of the national championships here by D. Taylor, the former Transvaal junior champion. Taylor won by 6-2, 5-7, 3-6, 5-4, 6-1.

Second Division	
Stonecutters	v South China
Fusiliers	(Chatham Road, 5 p.m.)
	v Chinese Police
	(Prince Edward Road, 5 p.m.)

WRIT MADE AGAINST BOXER

Move To Stop Louis-Braddock Fight

Miami (Florida), March 23. The Madison Square Garden Corporation has petitioned the local district court for an injunction against James J. Braddock, the world's



heavy-weight champion.

Until the writ can be served upon Braddock, who is on holiday here, his solicitors decline to reveal the contents of the petition.

It is generally believed that the injunction sought is to prevent the champion from fighting Joe Louis at Chicago on June 22.

H. K. DECLINE ROWING INTERPORT

MAMAK HOCKEY TOURNEY IN LAST STAGES

C.B.A. TO MEET RADIO
IN 3 GAMES

FOR TITLE OF
CHAMPIONS

The Radio Sports Club and the Central British Association, winners of the "A" and "B" Divisions respectively, of the Mamak Hockey Tournament, will meet in the first of three deciding matches, on the United Services Recreation Club ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

The C.B.A. have not lost a game in 11 fixtures in the "B" Division, whereas the Radio Sports Club have lost once.

Awtar Singh, former forward of the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, will lead the Radio's attack, supported by A.E.P. Guest and J. A. Wall.

The C.B.A. will field their usual team, with W. Hirst and D. Smith on the right and left flanks, respectively, and S. Fowler and B. Bickford supporting G. Fowler, the centre-forward. S. McNider and V. Bond, their full-backs, have given very creditable accounts of themselves throughout the season, but to-morrow they will be severely tested.

T. Whitley, at centre-half, is a steady player.

The teams will line up as follows:

C.B.A.:—J. J. King; S. McNider and V. Bond; R. Blyth, T. Whitley and E. Fowler; W. Hirst, S. Fowler, G. Fowler, B. Bickford and D. Smith.

Radio Sports Club:—C. Rocha; G. Clarke and Kalwant Singh; J. Singh, M. H. Hassan and M. Singh; Tilok Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Awtar Singh, J. A. Wall, and Karnail Singh.

The following is the C.B.A. record:

beat Argonauts "B"	2-0
beat Nomads	6-1
beat H.M.S. Adventure	7-0
beat Royal Engineers	2-0
beat R.W.F. "B" V Coy.	5-0
beat R.U.R. Hdqr. Wng.	5-1
beat R.U.R. "A" Coy.	8-0
beat H.M.S. Duncan	7-0
beat R.A. 24th Bty.	2-1

The following is the Radio S. C. record:

beat K.I.T.C. "B"	7-2
beat R.A.O.C.	5-0
beat Royal Signals	2-1
lost to R.W.F. "B" Coy.	0-1
beat H.M.S. Berwick	3-0
beat Argonauts "A"	1-0
beat H.M.S. Submarines	3-0
beat K.I.T.C. "A"	2-0
beat R.U.R. "C" Coy.	5-0
beat R.U.R. "B" Coy.	6-1

received w.o. from H.M.S. Dainty.

TIENTSIN TO VISIT SHANGHAI

TEAM OF FIVE IN MAY REGATTA

ONE WEEK'S TRAINING

Shanghai, April 10.

ACCORDING to word received yesterday, the Tientsin Rowing Club has accepted the invitation extended by the Shanghai Rowing Club to send an Interport crew to participate in the forthcoming Spring Regatta at Whitsuntide, and the revival of Interport competition will give an added filip to rowing interest this year. This is all the more satisfactory as the local Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Tientsin will be represented by a four, a pair and a sculler. Her five representatives will arrive at Shanghai on May 7 and spend a week at Henli, training on the Hsinyangkong in order to familiarise themselves with conditions here, which are in decided contrast to those met with in the Northern port.

Tientsin regattas are rowed on the fast flowing Tientsin river, and rumours tell of amazing conditions oarsmen have to contend with on that stream, so that a full week will be necessary to give the visiting oarsmen the best opportunity to get used to Shanghai's conditions.

Tientsin will be represented by: Hokloff, Wolff, Capstick, Mihailoff and one other. Hokloff will row the sculls. The complete crew will row the fours, and Wolff and Capstick will represent the Northerners in the pairs.

All are senior oarsmen of note and have won races during recent regattas, so that the Shanghai crews will have some interesting competition to contend with. The local crews have not as yet been picked, but with the international crews in full training, it is expected, that a strong representation from the local club will be able to maintain the tradition of a high standard that Shanghai has always had.

LAST INTERPORT

The regatta will bring to mind the last Interport with Tientsin which took place in 1929, and which proved one of the most successful Interport contests in rowing history. Shanghai ran away with all three races, the pairs, fours and eights, their eights crew going down on record as the best crew

PERRY'S VISIT TO LONDON

Exhibition Matches With
H. Ellsworth Vines

New York, March 28.

Fred Perry, the former Wimbledon and American lawn tennis champion and British Davis Cup player, will leave for England on May 17 to play in exhibition matches against Ellsworth Vines at Wembley Stadium during the early part of June.

Both Perry and Vines may also take part in the international professional tournament which is to be held in London this summer.

tended to Hong Kong, Kobe, Yokohama, Manila and Canton, to participate in the forthcoming Spring regatta, but the other ports were unable to accept the invitation, with the result that Interport competition for the Spring this year will be narrowed down to a meeting between Tientsin and Shanghai.

Two Army Sportsmen Leaving

TWO prominent Army sportsmen will be leaving the Colony on April 16 — Lt. C. C. Garthwaite, the Interport hockey player and cricketer, and Capt. Lionel Walch, skipper of the Army cricket eleven. Garthwaite has enjoyed an extended term of service in the Colony, having been here almost five years.

Badminton Throughout Year

BADMINTON has become so popular at the Kowloon Tong Club that they have decided to have the court open throughout the year.

Year	Winner	Losers
1902	Kobe	Shanghai
1902	Shanghai	Yokohama
1908	Yokohama	Shanghai
1911	Shanghai	Tientsin
1913	Shanghai	Tientsin
1913	Shanghai	Peking
1923	Shanghai	Hong Kong
1923	Shanghai	Tientsin
1923	Shanghai	Hong Kong
1928	Kobe	Shanghai
1929	Shanghai	Tientsin

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"ADREM" REVIEWS LEAGUE CRICKET

(Continued from Page 19)

BOWLING

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B. G. Baker	109.3	18	388	46	8.44
H. Danbrowski	6	0	29	3	9.67
C. W. Pope	124	31	374	32	11.69
J. L. Stephens	5	0	33	2	16.50
T. R. Hunter	37	3	174	9	19.33

The following also bowled:—J. A. Forrest (3—0—30—0); J. Orem (1—0—15—0); A. E. Carey (17—1—72—0).

The following held catches:—T. R. Hunter (4); A. E. Carey; J. L. Stephens (5); C. W. Pope (2); W. L. Clarke (6); T. H. Loughlin (4); B. G. Baker; A. Kirby, H. Danbrowski (7); G. Carruthers; J. Orem (2); J. A. Forrest (2); L. Oakley (2); W. L. Clarke stumped 8 batsmen.

THREE TEST SELECTORS REAPPOINTED

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CRICKET PROBLEMS

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Control of Cricket at Home the three retiring Test selectors, Mr. P. F. Warner (chairman), Mr. P. Perrin, and Mr. T. A. Higson were reappointed for one year.

The Test Selection Committee will choose the teams for the North v. South match, but the M.C.C. Committee will select the sides for the second match of the M.C.C. Anniversary Week at Lord's in May, between the M.C.C. Australian eleven and the Rest of England.

For this season's Test matches, the New Zealand Cricket Council have agreed to an admission charge of 2s.

The question of the duration of the Test matches between England and Australia in England in 1938 was not discussed.

COMMISSION APPOINTED

The difficult position in which first-class cricket has recently been placed through various untoward circumstances is reflected in a resolution adopted by the Advisory County Cricket Committee at Lord's yesterday.

The Warwickshire Club moved that the M.C.C. should be invited to appoint a Commission to undertake a thorough investigation of the problems at present confronting the first-class counties.

These problems have arisen mainly in consequence of the abnormally bad weather during recent summers, and many of the counties have suffered such heavy financial losses that several are able to avoid collapse only by drastic economies.

IMPORTANT DECISION

An important decision was reached in connection with appeals against the light and the following instruction for 1937 and 1938, is to be included in the special instructions for first-class umpires in place of the present instruction.

"A batsman at the wickets and the captain of the fielding side shall consult as to the fitness of weather and light for play and, if they are unable to agree, the question shall be determined by the umpires as provided in Law 43 of the Laws of Cricket.

"Should play be suspended and the conditions improve, the umpires shall, without waiting for instructions, call upon the players to resume the game."

DOUBTFUL APPEALS

It was agreed that all county executives would, at the commencement of each season, instruct their captains to discourage doubtful appeals against the light.

The following resolution proposed



SERVICES HOCKEY

Fusiliers Defeat The Tamar

The Fusiliers beat H.M.S. Tamar by 3 goals to 1 in the United Hockey Tournament at King's Park yesterday, Fus. Conner (2) and L/Cpl. Bruton scoring for the winners and Sgm. Tozer for the losers.

H.M.S. Tamar are scheduled to meet the Royal Engineers in the same competition at King's Park this afternoon at 4.15.

ed by Gloucestershire was adopted. "That no alteration to the advertised hours of play shall be allowed after the commencement of play on the first day in any one match."

The establishment of an Employment Bureau at Lord's for professional cricketers, who require engagements as players, coaches or groundsman, was approved. Professionals who have been engaged on the staff of first or second-class county clubs will be eligible to register their names under the scheme. Registration will be possible either through county clubs or direct at Lord's.

QUALIFICATION RULE

A new qualification rule was passed. If a cricketer's regular place of residence is at such a distance from the county of his birth that, in the opinion of the M.C.C., he cannot reasonably play for that county, he shall be eligible to play for that first or second-class county the capital of which is nearest to his place of residence in England.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1937 to THURSDAY, the 15th April, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1937.

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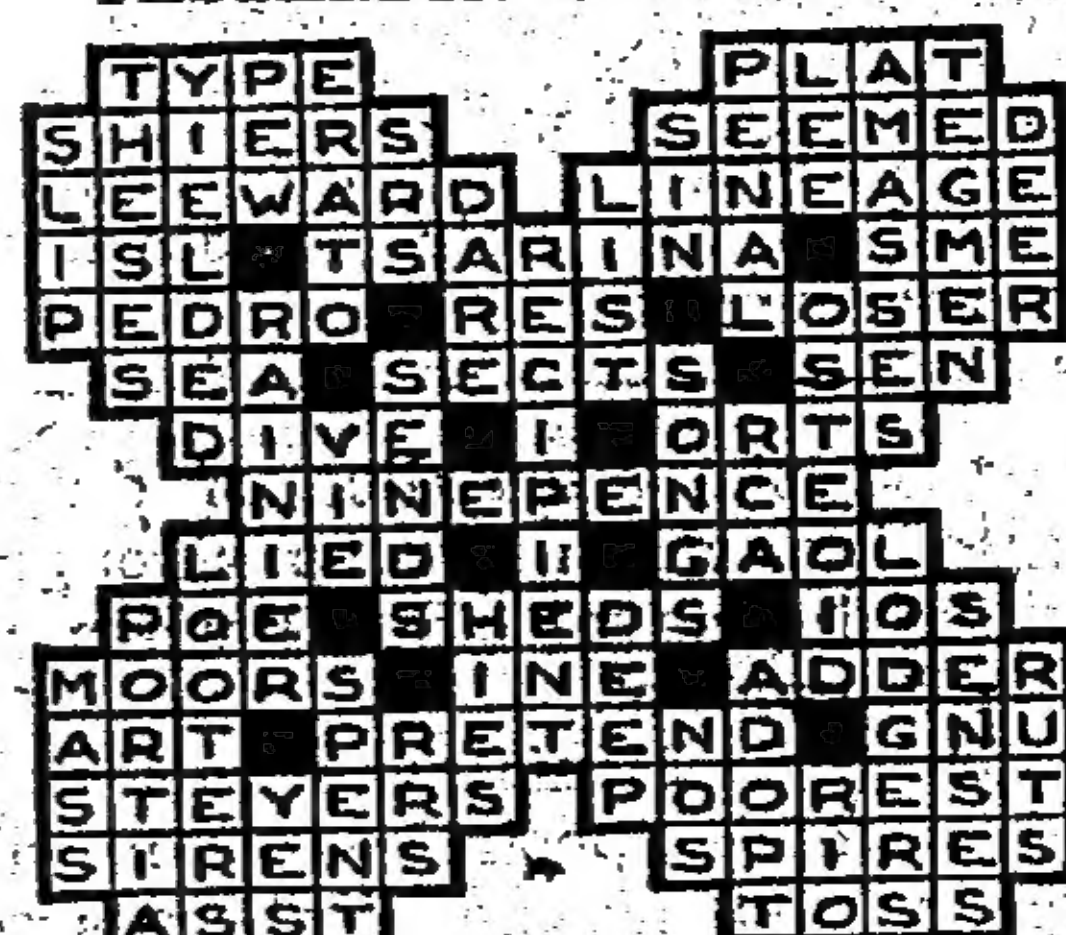
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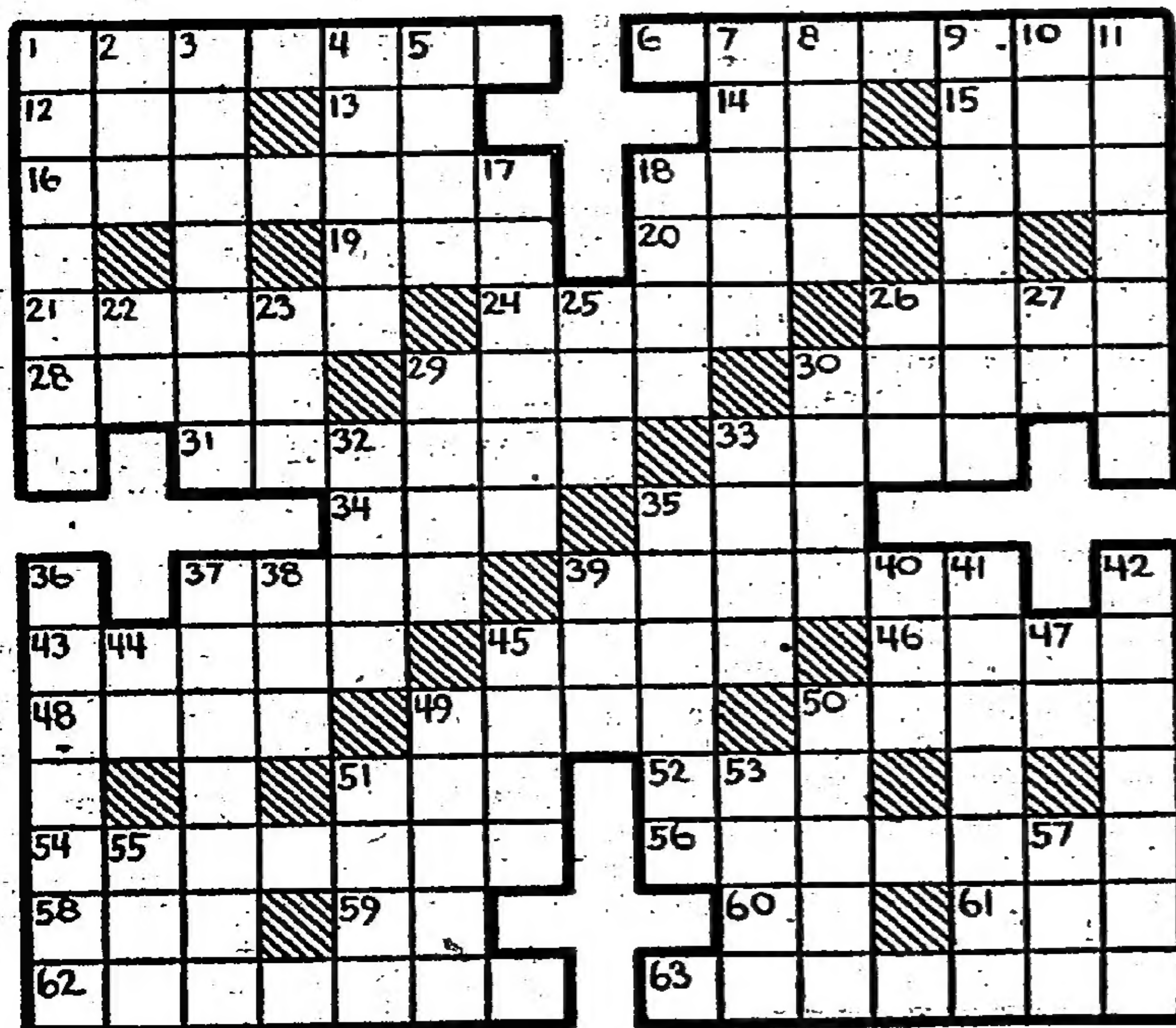
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Gaunt
- 6-Cork
- 12-Make a mistake
- 13-The (Fr.)
- 14-Island group in Pacific Ocean (abbr.)
- 15-Fish eggs
- 16-Workshop (Fr.)
- 18-Make reply
- 19-High priest (Bible)
- 20-A compass point (abbr.)
- 21-One having giantic strength
- 24-Glass in a window
- 26-Apportion
- 28-At any time
- 29-Thaw
- 30-Dutch colonists in S. Africa
- 31-Disavow
- 33-Repair
- 34-Farm animal
- 35-March
- 37-Curse hides
- 38-Hesitate
- 43-Wasted
- 45-Roll
- 48-Lacerate

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-Grade
- 49-Dispatched
- 50-To soothe
- 51-Definite article
- 52-Note in Guido's scale
- 54-Third highest mountain in United States
- 56-Allows as a deduction
- 58-Golf mound
- 59-Musical note
- 60-Negative
- 61-Before
- 62-City thoroughfares
- 63-Sends back

VERTICAL

- 1-Encourage
- 2-Knack
- 3-More massive
- 4-Foreign
- 5-Stagger
- 7-Plural of this
- 8-River in France
- 9-To go before
- 10-Eternity

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Reparation
- 17-Matures
- 18-Lease
- 22-Four
- 23-Part of verb "to be"
- 25-High (Mus.)
- 26-A week-day (abbr.)
- 27-Treasurer (abbr.)
- 29-Crowd
- 30-Twisted
- 32-Tip up
- 33-Thaw
- 35-Swifter
- 36-Avers
- 37-A kind of dog
- 38-Insect
- 39-Part of a fish
- 40-Greek letter
- 41-One who narrates
- 42-Wrinkles
- 44-Italian river
- 45-Jeer
- 47-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 49-Piece of bed-linen
- 50-A wooden shoe
- 51-Fatigue
- 53-Smooth
- 55-Of age (Lat. abbr.)
- 57-Eagle

The solution of the above with a new cross-world puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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- 8 Collection Very Old Coins
- 9 Copy 7 Pillars of Wisdom
- 10 50 London Matric Textbook UTP
- 11 Selections of 2,000 Old Books
- 12 Blackwood Joss Table
- 13 Blackwood Centre Table
- 14 Old Marble Clock
- 15 Philips Radio Valves 509
- 16 Philips HT Supply Unit
- 17 Kodak Film Tank No. 2 1/4
- 18 Short Wave Adapter
- 19 Seal Embossing Stamp
- 20 Wirgin Pocket Camera
- 21 Model C Kodak Projector
- 22 Concert Banjo & Case
- 23 Hermes Port. Typewriter, new
- 24 Old Rex Typewriter
- 25 Re-built Underwood 10"
- 26 Electric Ceiling Fan
- 27 Electric Table Fans
- 28 Quantity Electric Fittings
- 29 Electric Reading Lamp
- 30 Office Desk Lamps
- 31 Enamel Bath-tub
- 32 Enamel Sink
- 33 Large Bronze Statue
- 34 Parchment Lamp Shades
- 35 Painted Rattan Set
- 36 3 Large Metal Statues
- 37 Gateleg Dining Table
- 38 Small Cabinet Victrola
- 39 Small Tansad Buggy
- 40 Radio Cabinet Shell
- 41 Furnished Dolls House
- 42 Salador Water Filter
- 43 Ladies' Dresser & Stool
- 44 Large Chest of Drawers
- 45 Small Chest of Drawers
- 46 Double Bed complete
- 47 Single Iron Bed
- 48 Upholstered Day Couch
- 49 Teak Arm Rocker
- 50 Automatic Door Closer
- 51 Teakwood Bookrack
- 52 Quantity Old Gr'phone Records
- 53 Electric Hair Drier
- 54 Glass Door Cabinet
- 55 Large Bar Mirror
- 56 Pair Leaded-Glass Doors
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- 59 Child's Dresser
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- 61 Large Brass Tray
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LADY HOARE'S FOUR ATTEMPTS

Christening Of The Ark Royal

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It took Lady Hoare, wife of Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, four attempts before she successfully broke the bottle of champagne over the bows of the "Ark Royal," Britain's newest aircraft-carrier which was launched at Birkenhead yesterday.

Lady Hoare's aim was far from true the first three times she swung the bottle attached to the end of a ribbon but it was a case of fourth time lucky, and the giant aircraft-carrier slipped smoothly down the ways.

With a tonnage of 22,000 tons, the "Ark Royal" can accommodate 70 planes.—Trans-Ocean.

FLEET AIR ARM CONTROL COMPROMISE PLAN EXPECTED

As announced by Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, in the House of Commons a systematic investigation is being made of all important matters relative to the control of the Fleet Air Arm, writes Hector Bywater.

The terms of reference of the investigation are very wide, but the inquiry is being pressed with all speed. There is good reason to believe that the Government's final decision will be made known at a comparatively early date.

The Fleet Air Arm has a present strength of 217 aircraft, to be increased to 278 during the current financial year. All the observers are naval officers or naval ratings, and 70 per cent. of the pilots are naval officers, the remainder being R.A.F. officers. Riggers and fitters are invariably members of the R.A.F.

One anomaly which has never been explained is that, while R.A.F. non-commissioned officers are eligible to become pilots, naval petty officers and other ratings are not, although the Admiralty has long desired to tap this source of supply. It is understood, however, that the Air Ministry has lately agreed in principle that naval ratings shall be eligible to serve as pilots.

No Wholesale Transfer

When at sea the entire personnel and material of the Fleet Air Arm passes under the control of the Admiralty for operational purposes. On the other hand, when aircraft carriers or catapult ships come into port for refit the personnel and material of the Fleet Air Arm are disembarked and automatically pass under the control of the R.A.F.

There is, I gather, little probability that the Government will decide to transfer the Fleet Air Arm to the Admiralty, lock, stock and barrel. The objections to such a drastic step are regarded as formidable.

The scheme to be recommended is understood to be in the nature of a compromise. It will aim at the eventual replacement by R.N. pilots of all R.A.F. officers now acting in that capacity in the Fleet Air Arm, so that the operating personnel—pilots, observers, and telegraphist machine-gunners—will be 100 per cent. naval.

The holding of rank in the R.A.F., now compulsory for naval officers serving as pilots in the Fleet Air Arm, is likely to be abolished, and

NOMINAL FINES IN BLACK-OUT CASES

Nominal fines of \$1 each were imposed by Mr. W. Schofield on several firms and individuals summoned for not extinguishing their lights during the "black-out" on the morning of March 21.

The following all pleaded guilty: Messrs. King's Dispensary, The Kam Lung Restaurant, L. E. N. Ryan, of the Hong Kong Club, S. Narain, of the Tajmahal Silk Store, M. S. Lau, of the Hong Kong Furniture Store, Fook Tai, of the Yellow Dragon Store and Lachi Ram of Messrs. Sabhrof Jhamalmal & Co.

Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police, said that the purpose of these summonses was not to secure any appreciable fine but to see that the orders issued by the Governor-in-Council in connection with lighting control were observed. The "black-out" was at the end of concentrated manoeuvres, and it was required that all lights, with certain exceptions, be dimmed or obscured between two and four o'clock in the morning. In these cases, the lights were brilliant and obvious and could be seen from the top of the Peak. There were many more cases like the present specially at Bank and Jewellery stores, where lights were kept on for safety, and these firms had been dealt with by the Police department.

Mr. King stated that a conviction and a warning that the matter would be more severely dealt with in future would be sufficient.

POLITICS IN GEOLOGY

Prussian State Declines Invitation

Berlin, To-day.

A snub has been administered by the Prussian State Geological Institute to Russia.

The Institute yesterday refused to accept an invitation to attend the International Geological Congress, which is taking place at the end of July in Moscow.

Reason is that the "Institute cannot participate in any discussions taking place in a country where Germans are imprisoned for political reasons."—Trans-Ocean.

'TOOTHACHE' IN KNEE

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, at Lewes Assizes awarded £100 to a man who complained of pain "like toothache" in his right knee.

The plaintiff, Mr. Frederick William Dench, of Connaught-terrace, Hove, sued Mr. Ernest Percy Herbert, a dentist, of Portland-road, Hove, for damages, alleging negligence, which was admitted.

For Mr. Dench, it was stated that in August, 1935, when he had a tooth extracted, Mr. Herbert dropped a heavy metal syringe on Mr. Dench's leg. The needle penetrated the knee joint and broke, two fragments lodging in the joint. An operation for their removal would be inadvisable.

with it the anomalies of duty and seniority which are so strongly resented by naval officers when under R.A.F. control.

The Air Ministry school at Gosport, which specialises in naval flying, as well as the Ministry's school at Lee-on-Solent for training, naval observers, may be handed over to the Admiralty.

HAILE SELASSIE PROTESTS

Reign Of Terror Allegations

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations, M. Avenol, has received from the Emperor Haile Selassie a request that a League Commission of Inquiry be appointed to place on record "all the horrors committed in Abyssinia by the Italian Government."

The Emperor also asks the League members whether they will not do something to stop the Italian "massacres" of Abyssinians, which have followed the attempt on the life of Marshal Graziani. Viceroy of Addis Ababa, last month.

The Emperor's communication has been forwarded to all members of the League of Nations. He reminds them of their original solemn obligations to Abyssinia.

"Systematic Massacres"

Since the Italian occupation, he states, the Abyssinians have been subjected to "innumerable crimes and unbearable torments." He denounces the

Assassination of Ras Dasta and of many other chiefs and officers taken prisoner on the field of battle;

Putting to death of thousands of persons during the three days following the attempt on Marshal Graziani;

Systematic massacres, as a result of which more than 6,000 Abyssinians lost their lives.

The Emperor urges that "all these crimes" violate the laws of war embodied in the Fourth Hague Convention.

He then gives the following details of the massacre at Addis Ababa:

"On the day of the attempt on Marshal Graziani, Italian troops encircled the place of the outrage and all Abyssinians within this circle were killed. In the succeeding three days a reign of terror and murder was organised by the Italian authorities."

"Soldiers, assisted by Italian civilians supplied with arms, were incited to massacre Abyssinian men, women and children. With rifles, pistols, bombs, cutlasses and truncheons distributed for this purpose, groups of Blackskirts and workers went through all the quarters of the town killing all the men, women and children they met."

"Others, with flame throwers and petrol tins, set fire to the houses, massacring all those who attempted to escape."

LUXURY FLAT FOR CONVICT

A man, stated to be a convict on licence and living in a West End "luxury" flat at a rent of £5 15s 6d a week, appeared in the dock at West London.

The accused, Patrick Kelly, 27, a salesman, was charged with failing to report to the police on May 14, 1936, he being on licence.

Det-Sergt. Craggs, of Scotland Yard, said that in 1932 Kelly was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for robbery. When he was released in February, 1936, he was directed to report at Shepherd's Bush station every month.

Since his failure to report, nothing had been heard of him until he was arrested at Nottingham. The officer added that Kelly had eight convictions for larceny, shopbreaking, and receiving.

Kelly was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

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ROWDYISM IN CATHEDRAL

Dance Round Marble Bust

Details were given recently of scenes of rowdyism in Gloucester Cathedral which occurred during the visit to the city of between 5,000 and 6,000 Welshmen in connection with the Schoolboys' International football match.

Between 400 and 500 went to the Cathedral and, despite the efforts of the vergers, cigarettes were smoked and ends were found all over the building.

One of the vergers found a group of Welshmen dancing round a tomb with a marble bust. A beret had been placed on the head, a scarf round the neck, and an overcoat over the shoulders.

The Cathedral authorities have reported the theft of a spur from the effigy on the tomb of Robert Duke of Normandy.

The head vergers stated: "We often have trouble with the Welshmen who come to the city at holiday times, but we have never had anything like the rowdy conduct we experienced on Saturday afternoon."

STEEL PRODUCTION IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Production of steel ingots and castings in Great Britain in March amounted to 1,109,500 tons, compared with 995,900 tons the month before and 980,100 tons the year before.

The output of pig iron in March was 680,300 tons, compared with 608,700 tons the month before and 683,600 tons the year before.—British Wireless.

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